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Nazi Heinkels Attack Neutral and British Vessels INTENSIFIED RAIDS ON SHIPS DURING WEEK-END

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Balkans To Stay Peaceful

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—
The following communique was

Hitler's Iron Cross Adorns Body Of Dead Pilot Washed Ashore

LONDON, FEB. 4 (REUTER).—REPORTS HAVE NOW BEEN RE-
CEIVED OF ATTACKS ON SIX SHIPS DURING SATURDAY'S AIR RAIDS
ON THE EAST COAST OF BRITAIN.

FIVE OF THE SHIPS WERE BRITISH. ONE WAS A BELGIAN
VESSEL.

Reports have also been received that an unknown Swedish ship was
bombed and machine-gunned some 100 miles in the North Sea but no definite
details are yet available.

The British ships are the Kildale, Yewdale, Rose of England, Corland
and Harley.

An S.O.S. was picked up
from the Kildale, a 3,800 ton
vessel, saying that the crew
were taking to the boats.

Two East Coast life-boats
were landed at a port on
the East Coast. It is un-
derstood that six others are
missing.

Collier Attacked
The Mowdale, an 800 ton
Glasgow collier, was attacked by
two German planes about a mile
from the coast. Although the
ship suffered little damage the
Captain was killed at the wheel
and three members of the crew
were injured.

The Rose of England, a Grimsby
trawler of 200 tons, was attacked in
the same area. No one was hit
though the ship was machine-
gunned.

The crew of the Harley, 400 tons,
have been landed at an East Coast
town.

The Corland, 3,400 tons, reached
port safely.

The Belgian ship was a small vessel
manned by a crew of ten. Six
of them tried to get ashore on a raft
and lifeboats are now looking for
them. Four other members of the
crew landed safely to-day.

Ono Ship Lost
The only ship known to be lost as
a result of the raid was a small
Norwegian vessel of 630 tons.

Nevertheless to-day a Nazi High
Commander claimed that 14 ships
had been sunk.

At least three Nazi bombers were
shot down by British fighter planes
and two others are not expected to
reach home.

Bravo Seamen
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—
Numerous instances of courage of
seamen and fishermen were revealed
following the Nazi air raids in the
North Sea yesterday.

Two German aircraft bombed the
Yewdale while machine-gun fire
from the planes smashed the windows
of the wheel-house, killing the
skipper and three members of the
crew.

Defying danger, a fishing craft went
out and aided the Yewdale to reach
port safely. Except for broken
windows the Yewdale showed little
sign of her ordeal.

They Paid The Penalty
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The
bodies of three German airmen, one
of whom was wearing the Iron Cross,
were washed ashore at Northumber-
land to-day.

They are believed to be the crew
of the Heinkel bomber brought down
off the mouth of the Tyne on Satur-
day.

German boats, fully inflated, were
washed ashore south of Ormskirk in
the Orkneys.

It is believed that the crew of the
German aeroplane must have been
drowned after taking to the raft.

The German Claim
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Feb. 3 (UP).—It is
officially announced that German
planes sank nine merchant ships, one
mine-sweeper and four patrol boats
in the North Sea.

The announcement admitted that
three planes had failed to return to
their bases.

"In the course of reconnaissance
flights over the North Sea German air
force units attacked British warships
PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

45 DIE IN NEW QUAKE

ANKARA, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—
Forty-five were killed, scores
badly injured and two villages
completely destroyed in the
neighbourhood of Erzurum as the
result of another earth-
quake.

Tremors have been felt daily
since December 27, 1939,
throughout Northern Anatolia,
but more frequently and
stronger in the past 48 hours.

The people are said to be in
a state of terror.

TO RESIGN AS AMENDS

Saito Pays Penalty For
Diet Speech

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 3 (Domei).—Mr.
Saito, whose statement in the Lower
House on Friday regarding the war in
China caused a serious political issue,
has taken steps to leave the Minseito
Party, the largest group in the Lower
House.

Mr. Koizumi and Mr. Tawara,
elders of the party, after consulta-
tion with Mr. Machida, the Presi-
dent called on Mr. Takao Saito,
and, in their personal capacity as
friends, advised him to fulfil his
responsibility as a Party man.
Complying with the advice, Mr.
Saito later met President Machida
and the leaders of the Party and,
apologizing for his speech, offered
withdrawal from the party.

Deciding Saito's Fate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 3 (UP).—To-day's
session of the House was delayed
from 1 p.m. owing to a conference of
all political parties, to decide whether
Mr. Saito should be punished.

The House re-convened at 9 p.m.
when the Speaker referred the case
to the Punishment Committee.
In referring Saito's interpellation,
the War Minister said that the China
campaign was a Holy War because
it aimed at the extermination of the
"pro-Communist and anti-Japanese
regime, thereby stabilising East Asia,
Japan, he declared, had no intention
of preying on lesser nations."

Political Circles Stirred
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 3 (Domei).—Political
circles are still showing considerable
excitement.

Army authorities evince great re-
sistance to Saito's speech, which,
they claim, is "degenerative to the
proper objective of the current cam-
paign."

Other Diet circles, including the
reformist section of the Seiyuikai and
the Jiyuukai Daishukai, are urging dis-
ciplinary measures against Mr. Saito.

Meanwhile, in compliance with the
advice of the Speaker and the
leaders of the Minseito, Mr. Saito,
who has already voluntarily cancelled
part of his speech, will also make his
excuses for his speech in the Lower
House to-day.

Unusual significance thus attaches
to to-day's general meeting of the
Lower House, at which Japan's at-
titude in China will be clarified.

WITH THE R.A.F.

WEATHER IS CHIEF TOPIC

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—
Mr. Charles Gardner, the B.B.C.
observer with the R.A.F. in
France, in a review of the
activities of last-week, said that
the weather was, of course, the
chief topic.

They had frost and snow and
then frost again. The second
frost caused a traffic hold-up and
there was a collection of cars at
the foot of hills.

When one looked out of one's
window, one saw scenes reminiscent
of slapstick comedy, he said. Half
the people were falling down. Even
important seven star French generals
were not immune. The beauty of
being a seven star French general is
that one can fall down at the very
foot of a Guard of Honour and no one
dare laugh—at least not at the time.

Attack By Bomber
One of the highlights of the week
was the attack by a Nazi bomber on
a land patrol. The bomber came
down to 25 feet and used its machine-
guns. It did no damage.

This attack caused quite a lot of
excitement as some thought it might
 herald the beginning of "total war-
fare."

If the Germans do start that game,
commented Mr. Gardner, there will
be plenty of surprises for them.

The most remarkable feature of the
war so far, at least where the Allies
are concerned, he said, has been the
care taken not to bomb or ground-
strafe land targets.

Such activity last September might
have been to Germany's advantage.
But it is most likely that the Ger-
mans did not indulge in it for fear
of reprisals.

"Human" G.H.Q.
One of the leading items of news
during the week, he continued, was
the postponement of leave for the
second time due to what was called
the "flap"—transport troubles caused
by weather conditions.

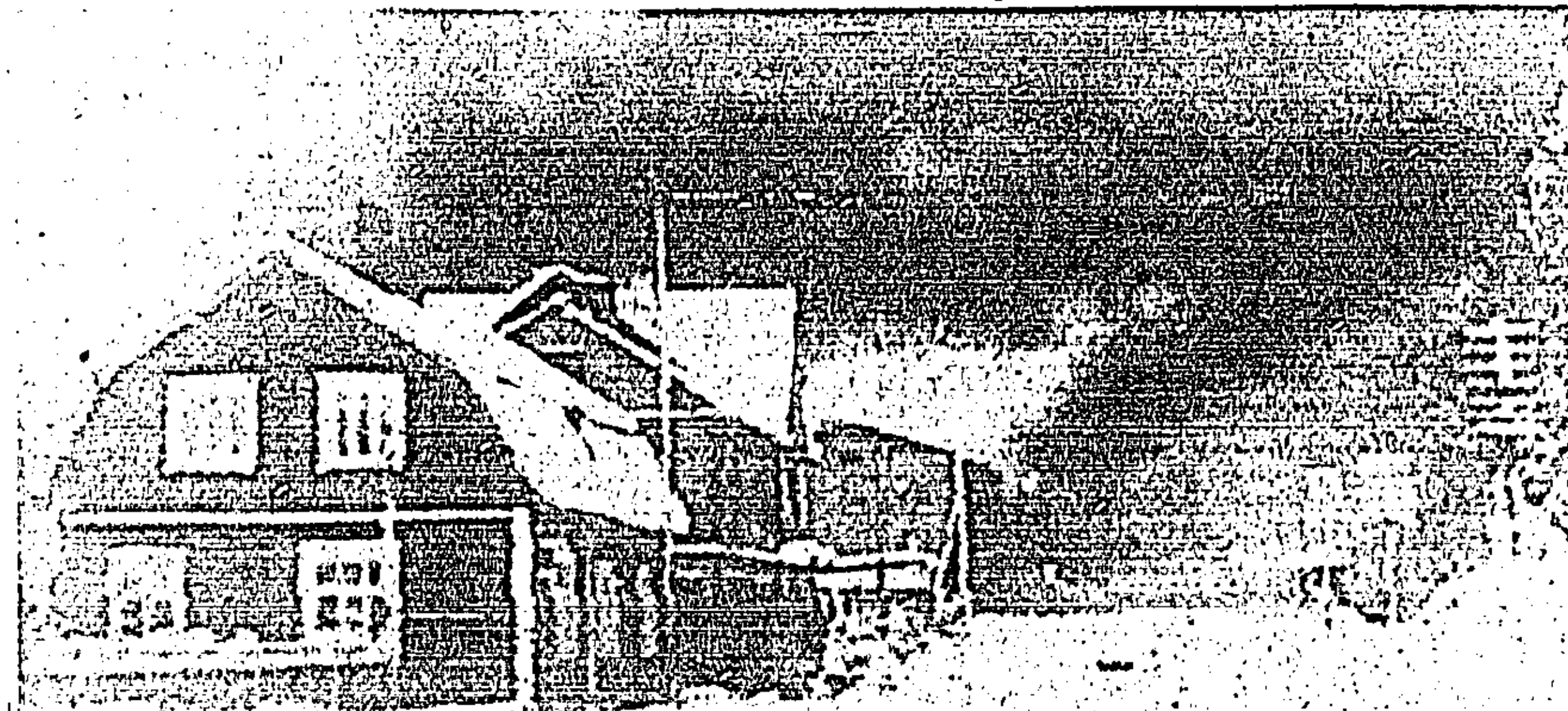
This second postponement, how-
ever, showed up Headquarters in a
human light. One man was going
home to be married, the wedding be-
ing fixed for Thursday. He already
had had to postpone his wedding
twice before—once when War began
and the second time when leave was
postponed.

Three times, he thought, was a bit
steep, said Mr. Gardner. So did
Headquarters. They sent him home
by plane, a privilege usually reserved
for higher officials. The wedding
was held.

**Arrangement Said
To Be Reached**

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—
While Shanghai Municipal Council
officials still refuse to break their
silence regarding the outside roads
question, Fu Sien-shan, the Japanese
sponsored "Mayor" of Greater Shang-
hai, told reporters yesterday that "an
arrangement" had been reached.

Fu refused to enter into the details
of the arrangement, but stated that
all would be published "in a few
days."



SNOW-THATCHED VILLAGES in this small Finnish village burn fiercely after Red bombers pass overhead—one of many similar scenes in Finland to-day. Photo, radiated to New York and thence by Clipper to Hongkong.—Domei Photo.

RED PRESS FEATURES DEFEATS

MOSCOW, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—
News of the Finnish war,
which for some time has been
confined to a few lines, is now
being prominently featured in
the Soviet Press.

Newspapers publish long de-
tails of Soviet defeats with ex-
tracts from Scandinavian news-
papers and speeches by promi-
nent Finns.

Observers are wondering
whether this development
presages a new Russian attack.

PRISON OF STATE

Nazi Plan For The
Unhappy Poles

PARIS, Feb. 4. — Twenty
million Poles and Jews are to be
crowded into a territory the size of
Scotland and Wales, which
will form a densely-populated
buffer between the Third Reich
and Soviet Russia.

This is the newest Nazi scheme for
"solving the Polish question."

Hitler has apparently abandoned
his plan of a purely Jewish reserve
in central Poland, near Lublin.

He plans to establish a bigger,
mixed Polish-Jewish reserve, a kind
of "prison State" on a territory
approximately one-quarter of the
Polish Republic.

The attempt to set up a puppet
Polish Government in Warsaw or
Cracow having failed, the Nazis have
given up the idea of a Polish pro-
tectorate.

Wholesale Moves

They have decided to annex four
provinces of Central Poland under a
German Governor-General.

This area, a little over 40,000
square miles, is inhabited by 14,000,
000 people.

The Nazis want to deport to it all
the Poles and Jews from the Western
Polish provinces of Posenania,
Pomerania and Silesia, which belong-
ed to Prussia before 1918.

To these they propose to add two
or three more million people from
the textile district of Lodz and the
belt along the East Prussian frontier
also incorporated in the Third Reich.

The Jews will be driven to the
east, near to the Soviet-German
demarcation line around Lublin while
the Poles will be left to their own
destinies in an already over-populated
area.

In a very short time this Polish
"prison State" (remainder State, as the
Germans call it) would be reduced
to the standard of the poorest and
most overcrowded Chinese provinces.

Allies Prepared For Nazi Drive

By MILES HANDLER.
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD,
Feb. 4 (UP).—France's Maginot Line is believed to be
impregnable, but the High Command has taken every
precaution to stem a "break through" behind the Line.

Should the German armies prove powerful enough to
shatter the deep and heavy system of fortifications.

Theoretically, at least from
the historical viewpoint, no
position is 100 per cent invulner-
able or impregnable provided the
enemy is willing to pay a high
enough price for the privilege of
shattering such a defence.

Considered from this angle, it is
possible to raise the problem of what
would happen if the Germans
managed to pierce the line at one or
several points.

In the first place, it is an accepted
fact that a breach between two forts
or even several forts over a distance
of several kilometers would be of no
practical value to an enemy, which
would be faced with the impossible
task of holding terrain from a
flanking counter-attack by mobile
forces.

If They Succeed
Assuming that the Germans did
conceivably break through along a
considerable length and to a fair
depth, how could the French meet
such a threat?

The attacking force, it is presumed,
would be composed of mechanized
units. These units would be exposed
constantly to lateral fire of the anti-
tank guns of the forts themselves,
because there is but little likelihood
they would be silenced or forced to
surrender. A break-through would
more than likely pass by the greater
majority of these blockhouses, and
their firing power would be un-
impaired.

In the second place, medium and
heavy-sized batteries behind the
Maginot Line would concentrate their
fire on the breached sector. Ger-
man forces would here again be sub-
jected to an intense cross-fire from
immense batteries before they
could dig in or bring up supporting
forces.

Decisive Battle
In the worst eventually, in which
the Germans did manage to drive
through the line with heavy forces,
sweeping away all obstacles, the
French "manoeuvring masses", held
in reserve for such occasions, would
be called up to play their role of
fighting a decisive battle with the
enemy.

The "manoeuvring masses" consist
of an autonomous army com-
posed of all elements found in a de-
cisive organization. Its principal
assets are intense fire-power, heavy
attack units embodied in mechanized

issued at Belgrade to-
day after the meeting
of the Balkan Entente
according to the Copen-
hagen wireless:

"The four members of the
Entente, in an atmosphere
of cordial co-operation, have
agreed on the following
points:

- 1.—Preservation of peace in the
common interests of the
member states;
- 2.—To continue the policy of
excluding the war from their part
of Europe;
- 3.—Maintain the closest co-
operation between the states of
the Entente;
- 4.—To establish friendly rela-
tions with neighbouring peoples;
- 5.—To intensify collaboration in
commerce and transport between
the member states;
- 6.—To prolong the Balkan Pact
for another seven years;
- 7.—To maintain close contact
between the Foreign Ministers of
the member states until the next
conference at Athens February 19,
1941."

Entente Wants Peace
BELGRADE, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—An
encouraging speech was made at a
banquet by M. Marovitch, Yugo-
Slavian Foreign Minister, to-day.

He declared that the Balkan coun-
tries wanted to remain neutral pro-
viding their independence was re-
spected.

He was happy to say that the at-
titude of Bulgaria and Hungary
conformed with the peaceful policy
of the Entente powers.

This justifiable hope for a happy
future might be possible for the
Balkan and Eastern Danubian na-
tions, he continued.

He hoped that an economic co-
operation might develop, as then
they might more easily resist pres-
sure.

No One Threatened
M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign
Minister, dealt with the suggestion
(known in London to have been
spread by Nazi agents) that the
Conference was directed against
neighbouring states.

He denied these reports and ap-
proved the speech of the Bulgarian
Prime Minister, who said that Bul-
garia would respect the interests of
the Balkans.

Like M. Marovitch, M. Gafencu
spoke with gratitude of Italy's
policy.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

JAPANESE LINER HAS NAZI CARGO ABOARD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 3 (Domei).—The first Japanese ship to
bring German goods to Japan following the enforcement of the
Allied measures for the seizure of German exports, the O.S.K. liner
Sanyo Maru, 8,360 tons, arrived here this morning.

She sailed from Rotterdam. With her goods covered by a
complete contract prior to the enforcement of the contraband control
measures, she has been permitted by British authorities to carry her
cargo.

She returned home via the Atlantic.

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POST OFFICE

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

On Thursday, the 8th February, the General Post Office and all Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no collection from the pillar boxes and no delivery by Postmen.

On Friday, the 9th February, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Amoy Feb. 5.
Australia and Manila Feb. 5.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 11th January) Feb. 5.
Formosa and Swatow Feb. 5.
Haiphong Feb. 5.
Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 5.
Bangkok and Saigon Feb. 6.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 6.
Shanghai Feb. 6.
Straits Feb. 6.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 31st January, Feb. 7.
Haiphong Feb. 7.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 7.
Saigon Feb. 7.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 24th January, Feb. 8.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th January, Feb. 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 24th January, Feb. 9.
Europe via Straits (London date, 15th December 1939) Feb. 9.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 9.

OUTWARD MAILS

Monday, Feb. 5
Haiphong 3 p.m.
Japan 3.30 p.m.
Manila 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Manila 4.30 p.m.
Saigon 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 6
Manila 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.
Manila 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 14th February.

K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 6, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 6, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 12th Feb.

K.P.O.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 7 p.m.

Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Straits 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 1.30 p.m.
Swatow 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 24th Feb.
K.P.O.
Parcels 4 p.m.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels 4 p.m.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Franco (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Direct Service"—due Paris 15th February.
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 7, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m.
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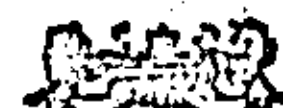
NOTICE

HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY

It is hereby notified that a constant supply of water will be given in all districts from 5.00 a.m. on February 6th. to 12.00 p.m. on February 8th. in connection with the Chinese New Year Festival.

A. R. PURVES,

Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1940.

C.  R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Chuk Un, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in approx. feet	Area in Acres	Approx. Value	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Lot No. 2163	Chuk Un.	as per sale plan.	About 50,000	1.150	\$200	\$3,000

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

Railway Bombing

WIFE OF FRENCH OFFICIAL KILLED

KUNMING, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—Rescue and identification work connected with Thursday's raid by Japanese planes on the railway between Haiphong and Kunming is more complicated than ever following Saturday's raid.

The fact that the passenger car in which all Thursday's damage was done is completely destroyed has added to the difficulty of the officials who rushed to the scene.

The only casualty named so far divulged are those of Madame Daviet, wife of a French District Inspector connected with the Railway, and her child.

M. Daviet is at present in Chungking.

Train Runs Into A Landslide

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—One woman was killed and several other passengers were injured when a L.M.S. train from Northampton to London ran into a landslide near Watford.

Five landslides have been reported on the Southern Railway during the past 24 hours.

FOUGHT U-BOAT THROUGH NIGHT

KING HONOURS SAILORS

THE CAPTAINS of two British ships tackled by U-boats have been awarded the O.B.E., and two seamen the medal of the Order.

Captain Sydney E. Batson—Master of the Heronspool (owned by Sir R. Roper and Co., West Hartlepool).
John G. Pearson—Gunlayer of the same ship.

An Explosion

Towards sunset Heronspool saw a U-boat shelling a tanker six miles away. The captain at once altered course and closed up his gun's crew.

Night fell; there was no moon. About 8.30 the U-boat signalled to her and came into view. Heronspool fired two shots and the U-boat dived. Course was altered again.

The enemy reappeared about 11, and after two more shots were fired again submerged.

Near midnight there was a loud explosion close on the starboard beam. The U-boat was dodging and four more shots were fired.

About one o'clock Heronspool was finally overhauled after a stern chase of seven hours and torpedoed.

Last To Leave

Among the last three to leave the ship were the captain and the gunlayer, who had bravely fought their ship through half the night to save her and sink the enemy.

Captain William H. Harland—Master of the Rockpool (owned by the same firm).
Thomas Watkins—Gunlayer of the same ship.

A U-boat suddenly appeared about one and a half miles away and fired two shots.

The captain at once altered helm to bring the U-boat astern and his guns into action.

He fired 13 rounds, which fell so close that the enemy was drenched with spray.

Not Hit

The U-boat fired 20 rounds and Rockpool was straddled, but not hit. She shook off the enemy by zig-zagging behind a screen of smoke floats.

The crew showed great coolness under fire, and the captain handled his ship in a commendable manner.

The U-boat, which was the first to sight, was later destroyed by the Navy.

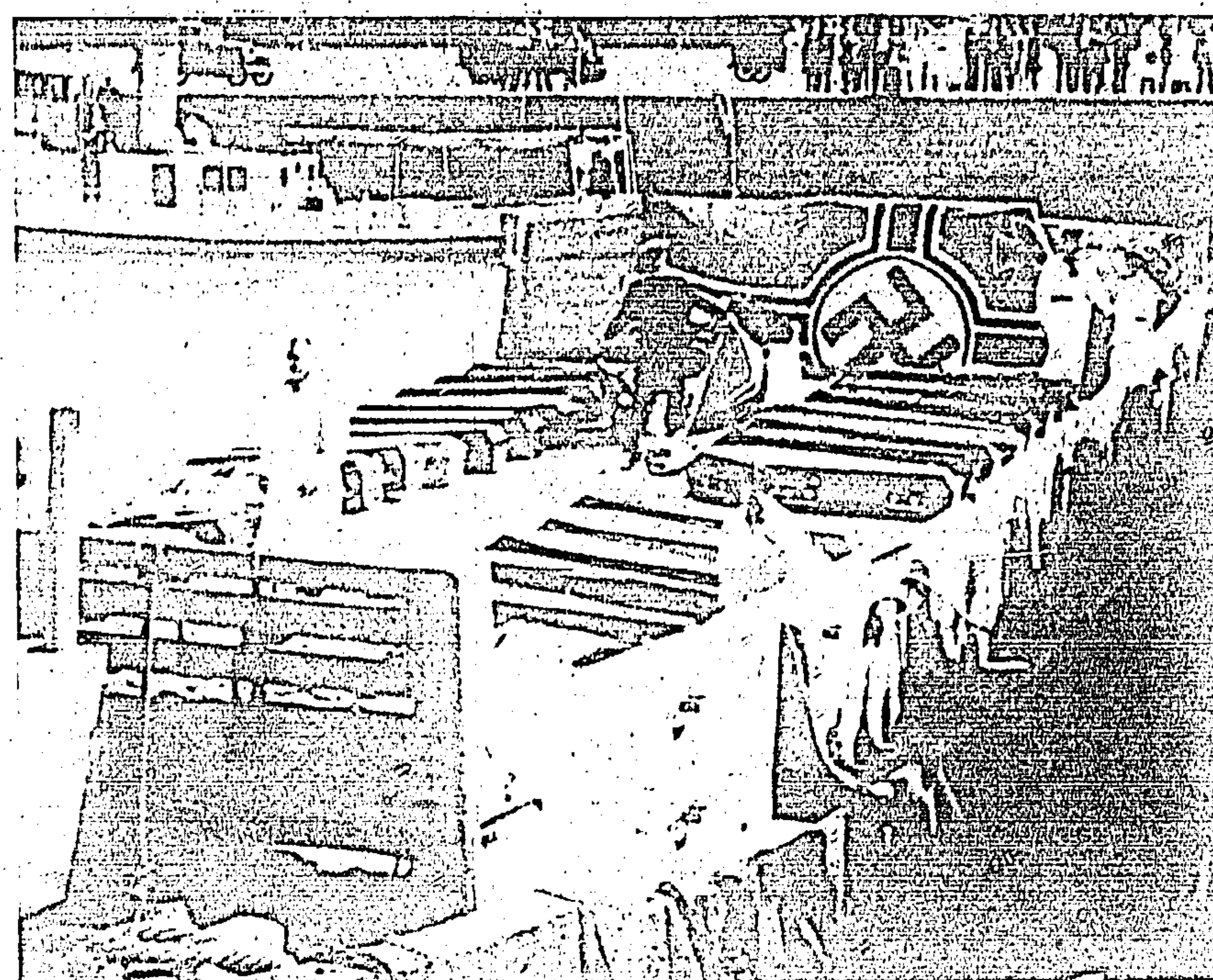
NAZIS DEFY LAWS OF SEA

U-BOATS are now operating within the three-mile limit of neutral countries.

A Greek ship and two British merchantmen have been sunk within the three-mile limit of the Norwegian coast.

A fourth vessel it is believed, has also been sunk in territorial waters.

An inquiry is being held by the Norwegian Government into these sinkings in flagrant defiance of the rights of neutral states.



THIS GRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPH shows the collars containing the Admiral Graf Spee's dead coming ashore for funeral in Montevideo.

The funeral was attended by British Marines, who had been interned aboard the German Raider after their ships had been sunk. Shortly afterwards, the Admiral Graf Spee steamed out of Montevideo harbour and was scuttled.

I.R.A. Man Betrayed By False Teeth

FATHER AND SON JAILED AS BOMBERS

Wore Shamrock In Court

A 23-YEAR-OLD Irishman, William Bradley, was said at Birmingham assizes to have been identified because a set of teeth found in the street fitted him.

With Stanley Joseph Rice, aged 27, he was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude for conspiring to cause an explosion. Patrick M'Brine, aged 57, Rice's father, was sentenced to 15 years.

All three wore shamrock sprigs in their buttonholes and refused to plead.

Mr. Richard O'Sullivan, K.C., prosecuting, said after letter-box fires in Birmingham a letter containing explosive material was found in the street, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty in the handwriting of M'Brine.

Hands Burned

Then something exploded in Bradley's pocket and he was sent away. At Rice's lodgings more explosive material was found.

A set of false teeth picked up in the street were found to fit Bradley, who was found sitting in a Holyhead train with one of his hands badly burned.

Rice and Bradley were found guilty of possessing explosives, causing an explosion, and conspiracy to cause an explosion, and M'Brine guilty of conspiracy and not guilty of the other two charges.

Inspector Mackenzie said that M'Brine had been a member of the I.R.A. for many years, and in 1920 was responsible for serious crimes in Northern Ireland. He was interned for two years and released when he entered into a recognisance.

Brothers Expelled

Bradley was one of a well-known family of I.R.A. members. Two of his brothers had been expelled from Birmingham, and he came to 'take their place'.

Rice had been under the influence of his father, who, there was no doubt, had taken a very active part in outrages in Birmingham.

His handwriting had been identified on many envelopes containing incendiary bombs which had been posted in Birmingham, and some of which had exploded as far away as London, Northampton and Manchester.

THE "ASAMA MARU" AND BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

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enemy persons, are illustrative of such instances.

HOWEVER, since the middle of the 19th century, and especially after the case of the "Trent" (1861), the duties of neutrals have become less "lax" and the penalties not so harsh. It is used to be during the period around the Napoleonic Wars. And by 1909, when the Declaration of London was drawn up, the relations between neutrals and belligerents, as far as rights and duties were concerned, became fairly well defined. Take for example, such vague phrase like "noxious persons" which had often been used previously in connection with unnatural service, for persons whom a belligerent claimed to have the right to make prisoners of war, finds no place in this international naval convention. Articles 45 to 47 of the ratified Declaration of London, clearly laid down the rules regarding unnatural service and the penalties therefor. The article, which both contestants in the "Asama Maru" case might have referred to, concerning the carriage of military persons on neutral ships, says: "Any individual embodied in the armed force of the enemy and who is found on board a neutral merchant-vessel, may be made prisoner of war, even though there be no ground for the capture of the vessel (Art. 47)."

Although here the duty of abstention from carrying enemy military persons is not expressly imposed on a neutral, it gives the belligerent the right to remove such persons from the neutral ship, irrespective of the fact whether or not such ship is condemnible. It has thus replaced the old rule and practice prevailing in former days that enemy persons on board a neutral ship should not be made prisoners of war, unless the ship was brought in for adjudication or condemned (See the "Trent" case).

DESPITE the fact that the Declaration of London still remains unratified, and that its application had been denounced by Great Britain on July 7, 1916, during the last war, it has embodied in a single code the best guiding principles concerning naval warfare rules in existence.

It was intended and agreed by the Powers participating in the drawing up of these rules that "they should correspond in substance with the generally recognised principles of international law."

The question to be what interpretation both Japan and Great Britain might give to the rules in the Declaration, supposing that they would rely more or less on these rules for the settlement of the case under review. I shall have occasion to refer to the interpretations which Great Britain gave to these rules, and the cases decided during the last war, when the question of belligerent rights vis-a-vis the "Asama Maru" incident is discussed in another article.

Goering's Hopes As New Fuehrer

By WILLI FRISCHAUER

DOES GOERING think he would be acceptable to the Allies as an alternative to Hitler?

Well-informed neutral diplomats believe that he is under this impression and is acting accordingly.

They say that Goering is convinced he has a chance where Hitler failed—to secure peace for Germany in the near future and save his country from inevitable economic catastrophe.

That, they declare, accounts for the repeated warnings in the newspapers controlled by him that the blockade is confronting Germany with a serious problem and that the country is feeling the pinch already.

These admissions are in sharp contrast to the "everything in the larger's lovely" boasts of the official Nazi "Voelkischer Beobachter."

ACCORDING to reliable information Goering has been suffering from this "Crown-Prince" complex ever since Hitler nominated him as successor in the leadership of Germany.

In Schoerheide, Goering's country estate, a Nazi shadow Government is functioning. Goering holds court there surrounded by a few generals and industrial leaders.

Whatever their plans, they must be distasteful to Hitler who is said to regret the announcement of his dramatic political testament at the outbreak of the war.

He cannot play off Goering against Hess and both of them against Himmler any longer.

And he cannot drop his successor.

"ENEMIES in your rear." With this warning the "Voelkischer Beobachter" continues a hate campaign against British prisoners of war in Germany which was launched with an official caution against them.

Its half-page article betrays a fear of prisoners such as is never admitted towards the British or French soldier in the field.

During the last war, the article claims, 107,000 prisoners managed to escape from Germany.

And those who did not escape sent information to France and Britain under stamps of their censored letters and smuggled out newspaper cuttings with "a wealth of information."

They even hid secret codes in nuts.

"Nuts to the Nazis" is the only reply one can give.

Wife-killer

A MILITARY COURT sitting in Paris has sentenced Maurice Ebra, a woodworker, to die before a firing squad for the torture and murder of his firing squad wife—British United Press.

"GOLD-DIGGING," SAYS COUNSEL

COUNSEL argued in the Divorce Court in London recently that a young woman "married a rich old man to get a financial hold on him."

Mrs. Joan Ivy Carlisle Nash, wearing women's Auxiliary Air Force uniform, petitioned for a decree of nullity on the grounds of non-consummation, to Mr. Arthur Peel Nash, a solicitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash, aged 73 and 34 respectively, were married last January and lived at Portmansquare, W.

In a local argument Mr. Hillard, for Mr. Nash, said the wife agreed that at the date of the engagement she had little affection for him.

Mr. Justice Langton: You are saying that Mrs. Nash had no sincerity—that she never really meant to go through with this except to get herself in a position of commercial advantage?

Mr. Hillard: Yes. Pointing out that Mrs. Nash had said that she wanted children, the judge said: "The lady you are describing—a stony-hearted 'gold-digger'—would not want children. They would be a terrible nuisance to her."

Mr. Hillard said there was an arrangement that Mrs. Nash should continue to work as her husband's secretary after the wedding, and she must have known that the marriage was a mundane, materialistic bargain.

Mr. Justice Langton said the trouble about counsel's "gold-digger" theory was that Mrs. Nash did not seem to have tried to get money.

Even her attempt to get a settlement made on her was a half-hearted affair.

Judgment was reserved.

PARIS, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—To-day's communique states that early this morning a sharp encounter with an enemy reconnoitring party turned out to our advantage.

Body In Well: A Boy Charged

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy, charged at Ongar, Essex, with murder, was stated to have admitted striking another boy on the head with a bottle and pushing him into a well.

Derick James Saunders, aged seven, failed to return to his home, High View, Standon-road, Blackmore, Essex.

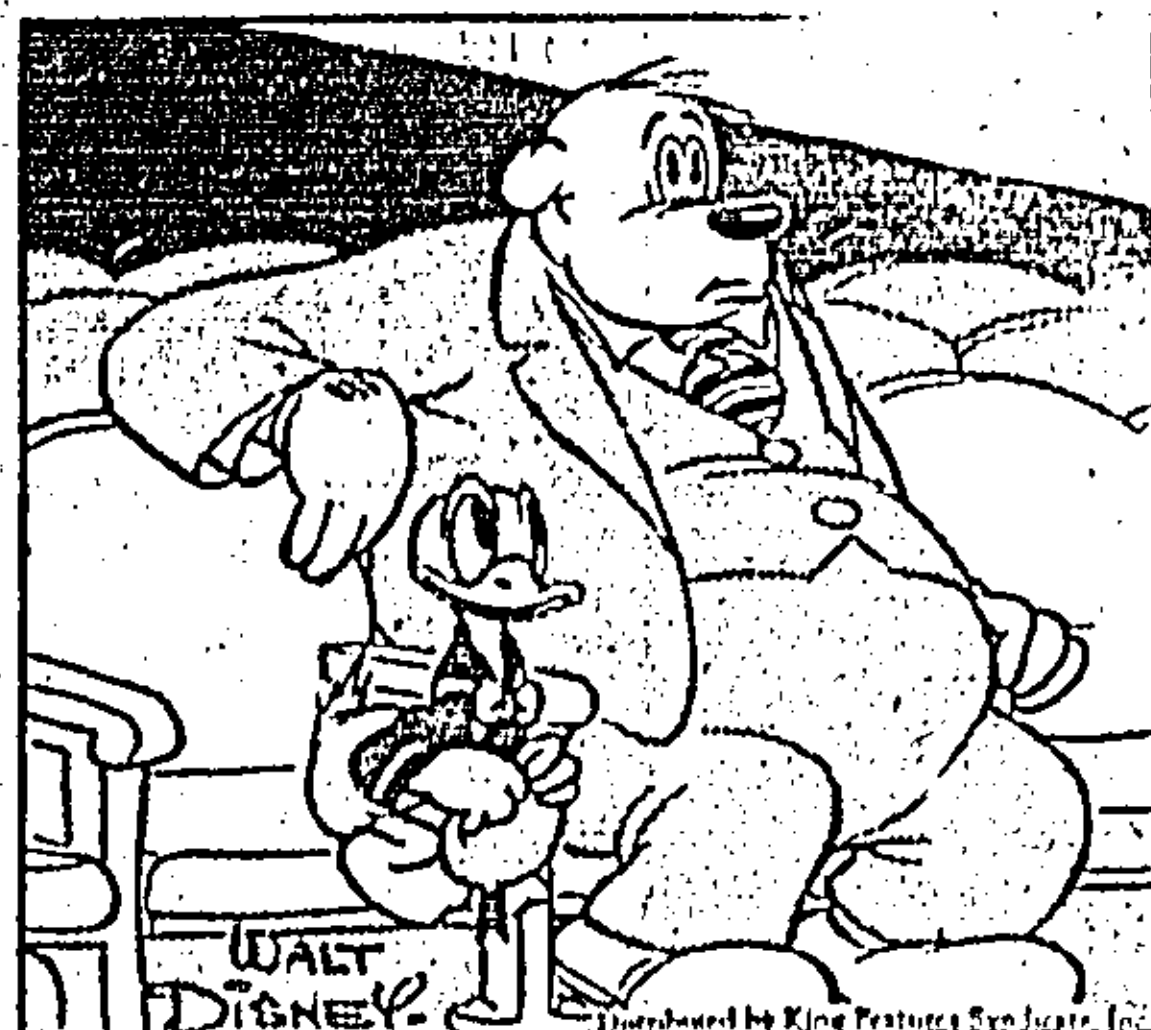
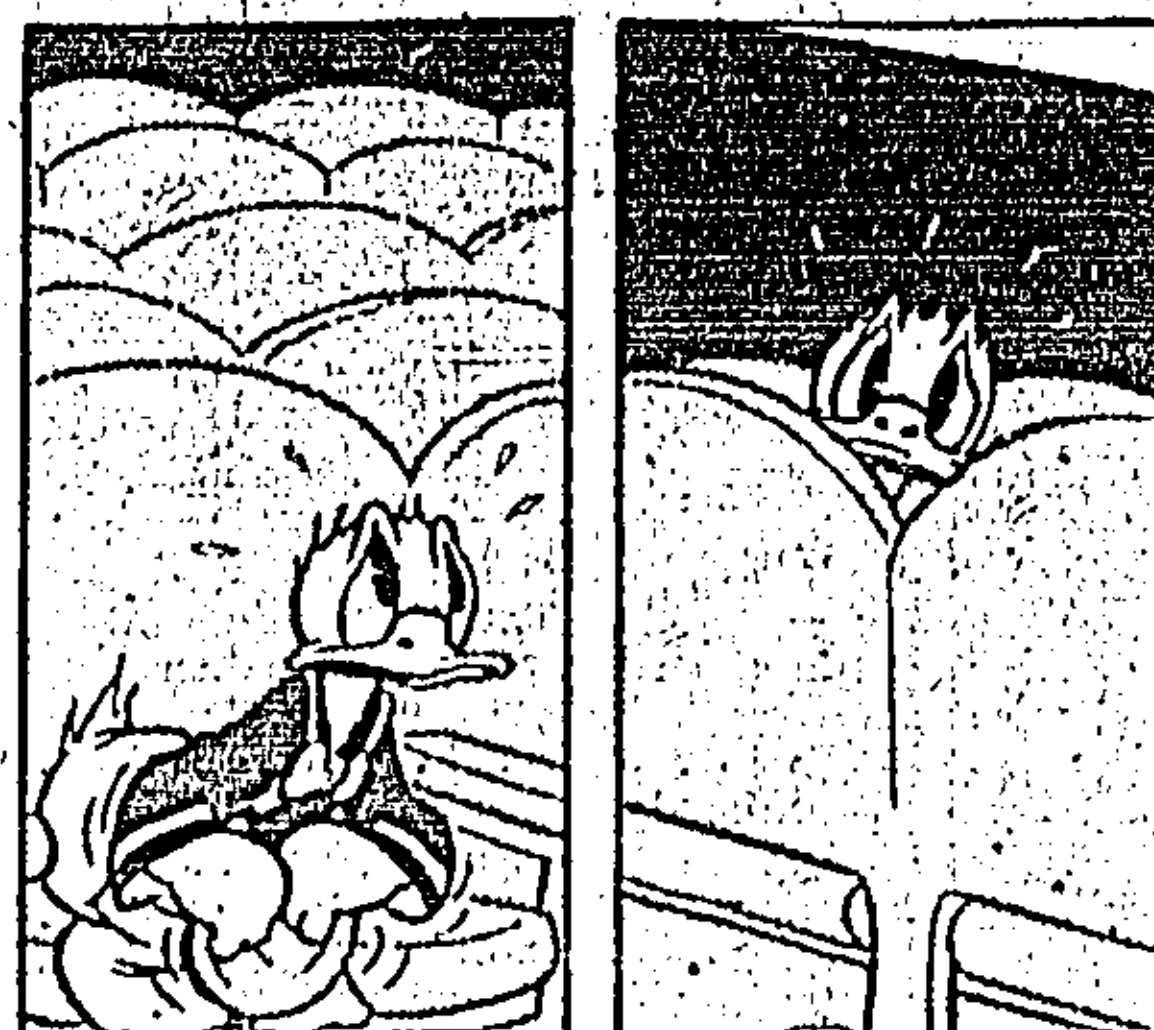
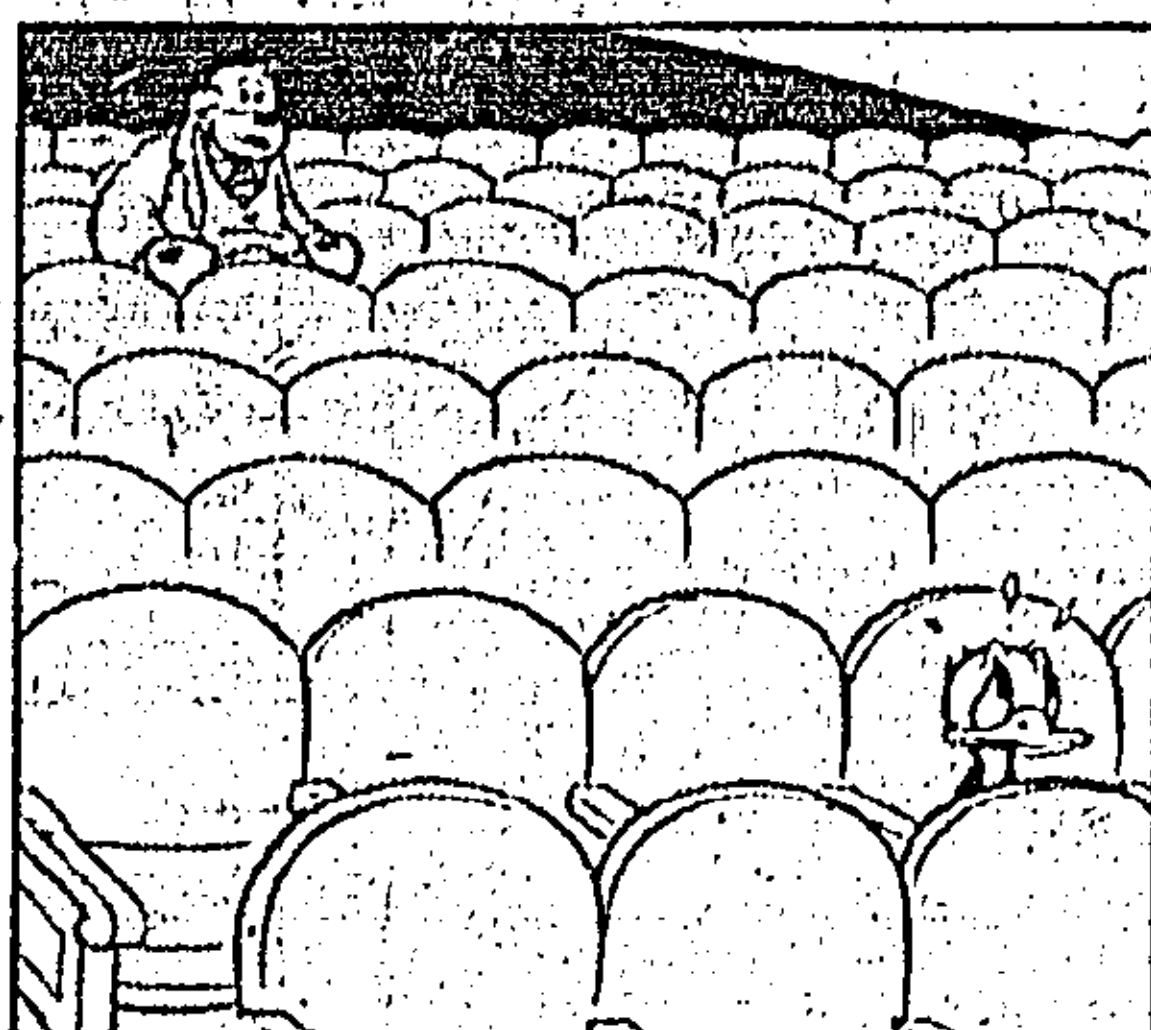
Det. Sergt. Jevons, giving evidence at Ongar Police Court, said that Derick's body had been found a few hours previously.

It was in a well on Pnolow Hill Farm, near the boy's home.

Later, he said, he visited the accused youth who, after being cautioned, admitted striking the boy on the head with a bottle, and pushing him into the well.

On this evidence Superintendent Ruggles asked for a remand in custody, which was granted.

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CONVICTS sent out on farm work at Dartmoor mixed cement with pigfeed in the hope of getting their warders into trouble.

Fleeing From War's Hum

FIFTY these bees. They are three of thousands evacuated from French farms and gardens in front of the Maginot Line.

They're all dressed up with nowhere to go.

The French Bee-keepers' Association has come to their rescue by appealing to all Frenchmen with hives to spare to give them a home "for the duration."

SOLICITOR DOES SCRUBBING

(He's In The Army Now)

A SOLICITOR now in the Army is engaged in scrubbing floors.

This was alleged at Cardiff City Council meeting.

If that were the extent of his military value, some councillors contended, it would be better if he returned to civil work.

The Town Clerk recommended that the Council should apply for the release of two of the ten members of his staff serving with the Forces because of difficulty in finding substitutes.

It was decided that the employing committees should recommend which of their employees they desired should be released.

Nuffield Gives Another 1,500,000 (cigarettes)

LORD NUFFIELD has bought 1,500,000 Woodbines for men in the Army and Air Force in France and in the Navy.

Firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to-day.

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"Confusion All The Time On Thetis"

THE fundamental cause of the loss of the Thetis was the evil of divided and ill-defined responsibility, from the building of the submarine to the failure to save her in time to save the lives of the men.

Mr. Reginald Paget, counsel for the relatives of one of the lost men, made this allegation when the inquiry into the sinking of the submarine was resumed in London.

He suggested that there was the greatest confusion as to whose job it was to operate the bow caps. Declaring that the strongest criticism of all should be made in regard to the rescue operations, Mr. Paget added:

"If one had had a single authority capable of receiving a message and then of taking charge of the salvage and rescue operations, one would feel that both the search and assembly of salvaged materials would have begun much earlier."

Mr. D. MacIntyre (for the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the

This is one of many similar acts reported from the prison.

A section of the prisoners—the majority are well-behaved—is doing its utmost to make the lives of the warders intolerable.

Succeeding

They appear to be succeeding. The convicts often complain to senior officials about individual warders against whom they harbour a grudge.

Just over a week ago one man who had been supplied with bread said to a warder, "Serve it in a proper manner!"

He promptly lodged a complaint with a chief warder that his bread had been thrown at him.

Once it was usual for Dartmoor convicts to address warders as "Sir," or "Guv'nor."

"Now we almost have to 'Sir' the convicts before they will do anything," a warder told the "Daily Herald" reporter.

Too Easy

Many warders have been drafted to Princetown from Wormwood Scrubs, Maidstone, and other big prisons since the war began. They are far from happy.

They prefer the sterner discipline of a "town" prison, which they claim, is more severe than that of a modern penal establishment.

Conditions of the convicts at Dartmoor are very much better than they were a few years ago. There are more concessions.

These are appreciated by the "old lags," but men recently transferred from London jails are trying to take advantage of them.

Woman who Adopts "Sweepers"

MRS. K. N. I. SCOTT, of Lower-road, Higher Denham, has received the Admiralty's permission to "adopt" a minesweeper.

She and her friends are regularly sending comforts to the crew.

"I adopted a minesweeper in the last war and asked to be allowed to do so again," Mrs. Scott said.

"At first I was turned down, but eventually they gave me permission."

"But I can't mention the name of the minesweeper."

Robbed Of £1,000 Gems On Train

Mrs. Gershek, of Gardner-street, Brighton, has been robbed of £1,000 worth of jewellery while travelling on a London-Brighton train.

The jewels were in her handbag, which was stolen from the carriage when she left it for a moment. A reward of £100 is offered to anyone who can supply a clue.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Come, come, Quince! This is a love scene and you're playing it like a married man!"

MINE VICTIM No. 1

Survivor Of Simon Bolivar Jailed

A MAN who was rescued from the Dutch steamer Simon Bolivar, mined off the East Coast, was sentenced at the Guildhall recently on a charge under the Aliens Order.

He was Alfred Auer, aged 32, believed to be of Hungarian nationality.

When the case was before the court evidence was given in public, but later proceedings were taken in camera.

It was afterwards officially stated that Auer had been found guilty and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Auer was charged with having, while taking refuge in this country, given false information concerning himself.

Norwegian Passport

When he first appeared in court it was stated that he was taken after rescue to the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.

There had been information about himself which was now alleged to be untrue.

It appeared that he was a Norwegian lawyer whose name he gave.

He was alleged to have said when charged, "I did not come by myself to England. I was picked up by a British destroyer and brought here."

Court Cleared

Mr. Vincent Evans, who appeared on behalf of the Public Prosecutor, for the case to be heard in camera.

Reason for this course was given in court. The magistrate, Alderman Sir Howard Butten, raised no objection and the court was cleared.

Mine Victims No. 2 & 3

Reunited In Hospital

TWO other survivors from the Simon Bolivar—Mr. and Mrs. L. Knevel, of Amsterdam—have been reunited at an Ipswich hospital.

Mr. Knevel had been a patient there since the disaster, when he was taken unconscious with a fractured skull.

Mrs. Knevel was taken to hospital at Colchester and have since been released.

Grief was mingled with their joy for across the street in Ipswich cemetery was the grave of Anna, their

SAUNA

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swimming calmly beside Bill in the silky water and she is telling me how in the North of Finland families spend four or five hours boiling themselves in a sauna and in winter, when the lakes are frozen, they roll in the snow afterwards!

And eventually I am dressing in the little wooden hut, sleepily groping for my Louis Philippe and a comb.

A lipstick... but how out of place is such sophistication! I have gone Back To Nature. I am cleaner than I have ever been before. I am hungry. And I am so sleepy, so very VERY sleepy.

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GERMANY will immediately intensify submarine warfare against all ships carrying contraband goods—but instructions have been given to the neutral countries that completely contravene previous orders.

The Nazis now say that they will not torpedo any ship without giving it previous warning. A week or two ago they were saying exactly the opposite.

They say German warships will make arrangements to take into safe custody members of the crews of neutral ships if they are torpedoed.

Germany has not done this up to now.

They say too that the only time when a ship will be torpedoed at once is if it sends out an SOS after being called upon to stop, or if it attempts to escape from a German ship.

Germany is believed to be hurrying forward U-boat production although it does not reach anything like the figure she has claimed—one submarine a day.

Post-War Schoolboy "Finds His Soul"

Mr. A. M. Walmsley, of Northampton said this of evacuation at the Assistant Masters' Conference at Oxford:

"The Pre-war schoolboy could hardly call his soul his own. Everything was organised for him. Now, perforce, he has been given a breathing space. Education was suffering from bureaucratic control."

"To-day the monotonous sameness in timetables, examinations and buildings, has received a wholesome shock."

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On their way back to Manila, the master of the recently wrecked Philippine liner President Quezon, Capt. Onrubia, and 50 members of his crew arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Yokohama in a President liner.

Formerly the President Madison of the American President Lines, the vessel sank after striking hidden reefs south of Kyushu on January 27. All but one of the passengers and crew were rescued and taken to Kobe by the Japanese liner Ukishima Maru.

A number of the crew who arrived yesterday spoke of their experiences when the Captain gave the order to

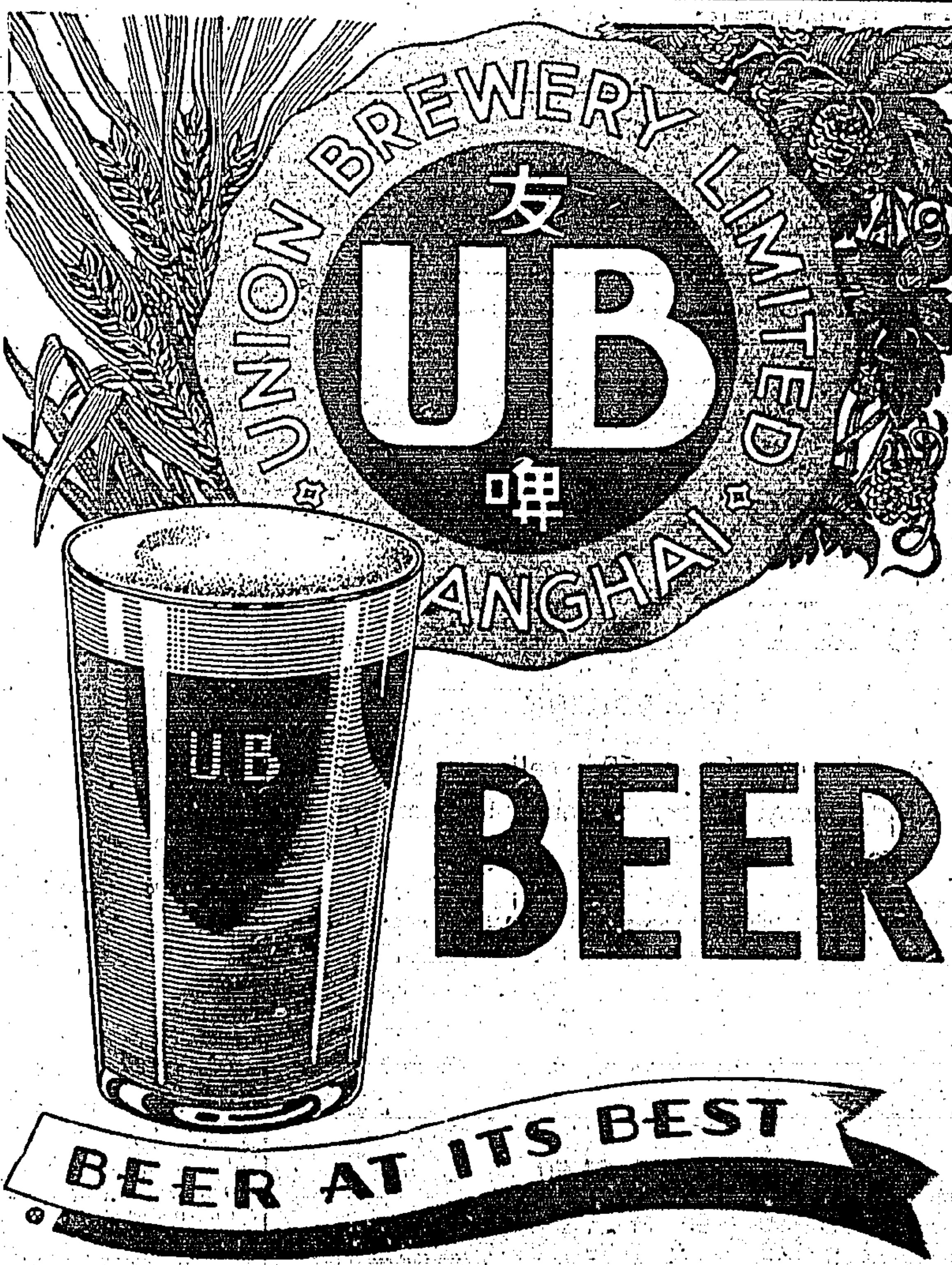
VIOLIN RECITAL

Mr. Chao Pu-wei, who left Hongkong for Germany in 1933, and studied the violin under Professors Carl Herrmann and Walter Davison, Professor and Director respectively of the Leipzig Konservatorium has returned to the Colony and will give a recital on Thursday, February 15, at 9.30 pm. at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden. Professor Harry Oro will be at the piano. The programme will include Handel's Sonata in D, Mozart's Concerto (Adelaide), Wieniawski's Legend, and Beethoven's Romance in F.

Seats may be booked at King's Theatre or the Hongkong Hotel

abandon ship. Many of them had to jump into the water from the liner's slanting deck and swim to life-boats.

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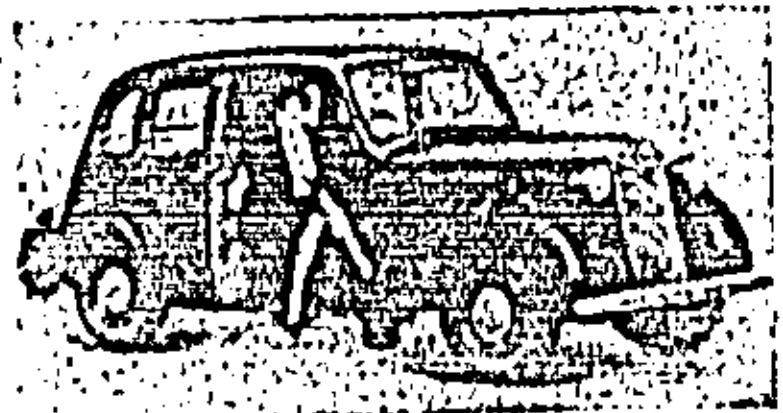
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The R.A.F.

It has often been argued that the capacity of modern aircraft must render our sea-borne supplies precarious. The experience of the first months of war is all against such theories. Coastal air patrols by their action against enemy submarines have proved a formidable increase of our power to command the sea. They are so dreaded that their mere presence, prisoners have confessed, often deters a U-boat captain from attack on merchant shipping. German frightfulness may yet devise some fresh tactics for her sink-at-sight warfare, but thus far we have been more successful in restricting its effects than we had a right to hope. The Fighter Command which must deal with any German bombers sent against us has not yet gone into action, but results of our reconnaissance over Germany and of co-operation with the French Air Force over the Siegfried Line supply strong reasons for belief that enemy squadrons would pay a heavy toll.

Technical evidence now in the possession of the Air Ministry discloses that "our latest fighters are definitely better than their German counterparts." This is confirmed by the startling records of flights of our Bomber Command across Germany, testing defences, observing troop concentrations, dropping leaflets and reaching the great majority of the objectives. There have inevitably been losses, though far less than the Germans have claimed. But the freedom of movement of our aircraft, day after day and night after night far across Germany, and the German official denials of their presence—over Berlin for example—though searchlights and guns blazed at them, give us a heartening standard of comparison of air strength. Reconnaissance is the major purpose, and the distribution of leaflets to the German people is of secondary importance. But it is well that they should be warned of the dangers upon which their Fuhrer's madness has driven them.

We have still to wait for the maximum effort of the Air Force, which should certainly be reserved for the time and the place at which it will have the greatest effect. The scale of that effort is growing rapidly. Production of aircraft has now reached more than twice the large pre-war output. Still further expansion is being arranged. But most important of all developments is the scheme of co-operation with the Dominions. Canada, Australia and New Zealand have agreed to train pilots and other personnel and produce aircraft on a new and far greater scale. Thus the resources and the areas of the Empire free from any risk of enemy attack will be utilised to the utmost for the creation of Air Forces to defend the whole British Commonwealth of Nations. Such a manifold union of Imperial effort has never before been devised. Each Dominion will have its own training schools, but advanced courses are to be concentrated in Canada. There, many of our own Air Force recruits, as well

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A 'BELGIAN'

THERE are two weak spots in the £60,000,000 Maginot Line—its ends. One end reaches Switzerland, at Basle. The other reaches Belgium, at Malmédy.

If invading armies can force their way round the ends of France's elaborate shield will be about as useful as the Great Wall of China.

The German High Command must have given a lot of consideration to the choice between these two weak spots. Jagged mountains defend the Swiss end; but what are the prospects at the Belgian end?

The danger-zone is a twenty-five-mile broad district jutting into Germany between Holland and Luxembourg, called Liege. The signposts say: 80 miles to Brussels, 200 miles to Paris. Next to the frontier lie two small patches of land named Eupen and Malmédy (pronounced Oy-pen, Mal-mindey).

Hitler has always wanted them—once they were German. He plotted to get them by incessant propaganda—as he got the Saar. But for once his plans fizzled out. At the elections last spring the German party failed to win a single seat in either of these districts.

Many Belgians will not want to help defend this gap—because Belgium is really two countries. Racially speaking, there is no such thing as a dyed-in-the-wool Belgian. In the north you have the pro-German Flemings. In the south are the Walloons, who are pro-French. They hate each other so much that if you ask the way in Antwerp (a Fleming city) the man you ask will sometimes purposely mis-

direct you, thinking you are a Walloon. That's how neighbourly they are.

King Leopold has been working to unite these two factions. A German attack may show if he has succeeded.

About the only ways Belgium resembles Holland are in size and population. Belgium is Roman Catholic, Holland is Protestant. Belgium is, with Saxony, the most highly industrialised country in Europe. Holland depends greatly on her dairy farming.

The Dutch problem is to sell her surplus agricultural produce. The Belgian problem is to find enough farms for her labourers to work on.

She has one and a half times as many people to the square mile as Britain, twice as many as Germany. Hitler's prattle about "living space" makes the Belgians laugh cynically. Belgium is the most overcrowded country in Europe.

Belgium pulled herself together gallantly after the war, restoring her finances, improving her trade and raising the standard of living of the working classes.

But when Hitler raises the cry "Give us back our colonies," even the Flemings don't feel so pro-German. Because part of Belgium's huge colony in the Congo, eighty times as large as herself, was taken from Germany after the last war. Belgians poured money into this new district, called it "Astrida" after their dead Queen.

No Belgians would not like to see Germany win the war.

Gordon Taylor

SAUNA

"FIRST we will explore the island and then we'll have a bath about 3 o'clock," my hostess said this morning.

It sounds an odd programme.

But . . . when in Finland, do as the Finns do.

However, she seems to have changed her mind for we have explored everything and are strolling about the garden. A tiny, crimson-painted hut stands by the lake. She pushes open its door and we enter a minute cabin with a bench in it and some pegs on the wall.

"Undress here," she says briefly.

This is a shock. "Here . . . is this? . . . No bathing-dress . . . You mean a bath?" I babble.

"You need no costume," she says and behold she is nude and disappearing through another door.

I AM alone.

And awful sounds of crackling and splashing come through that second door and the very walls feel hot.

WHAT am I in for?

I am scared but dare not run away.

England expects, etc.

Naked, I feel even less brave. I clutch my coat as a last link with the life I know and push open the other door.

A cloud of boiling steam completely blinds me and my timid feet slide on a wet, stone floor. Gradually my eyes pierce the fog and I see Elli's pink form hurrying buckets-full of cold water

as those of Australia and New Zealand, will have their final preparation for service. This scheme has been inspired by far-sighted judgment of the conditions of the world and the potentiality of the British Empire. We may now look forward to an Imperial air power of overwhelming strength. Its officers and men will vindicate freedom and justice in the spirit of that noble Squadron motto: "I spread my wings, and I keep my promise."

on to huge boulders piled on a crackling stove. She pokes another bundle of faggots into the fire and turns to reassure her foreign guest.

"You cannot breathe?" she asks politely. "This will make you better." And she dips her fingers into a bowl of cold water and presses them gently on to my throbbing eyelids. Gratefully I take the bowl and follow her up to the wooden gallery made out of smooth slats set an inch or so apart.

Here Elli gives me another jolt by flicking me unexpectedly with a bunch of wet birch-leaves. They smell delicious.

"This will make you perspire," she says and flicks away impartially at herself and me.

I FIND myself reciprocating with ever-decreasing diffidence and another bundle of birch-leaves till we are both giggling childishly. I believe I am enjoying myself.

Elli tells me to lie down and relax. A delicious languor steals over me. The wooden slatted bench is not really uncomfortable. There is, something, decidedly, about these Finnish baths.

Elli's voice comes to me through a haze of dreams. "Time to go now. Twenty minutes is long enough for your first bath. We go to the lake."

Drowsily, contentedly, I pick up my sodden coat, forgotten in a pool of water by the door. So dazed with relaxed warmth I am that I hardly realise that Elli is leading me, pink and boiled and still naked, ACROSS THE GARDEN.

But the gardeners work on unconcernedly.

Gradually the cool air revives me and as we run through the criss-cross shadows of the fir-trees on the dry sand I think miserably.

"I shall die of this . . . great cold after extreme heat . . . it will kill me."

BUT with the Alice-in-Wonderland quality that the whole afternoon has worn, I find I am PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

The "Asama Maru" and Belligerent Rights

THE grounds from which international controversies can arise are many and varied.

These differences may range from questions of state rights and duties to those of national interests, and they may be slight or serious according to circumstances.

Numerous as such grounds for contention are, they can, nevertheless, be divided into two groups, viz., legal differences and political differences. That

being so, the settlement of state disputes may therefore be approached from either a legalistic or the political standpoint.

Although in practice a sharp line cannot be drawn between these grounds of differences for the purpose of determining which standpoint should be taken in a given case; yet, whenever possible, a solution from the legal point of view is always to be preferred.

When an incident occurs between States, it can usually be more effectively settled to the satisfaction of both parties by principles and usages which have been more or less commonly agreed upon and, better understood, than by political considerations, which are generally rather vague and difficult to define.

It appears that in the recent case of the "Asama Maru" Great Britain has endeavoured to justify her action by the former, while Japan has chosen to premise her complaint on the latter considerations.

Without the least intention to pass on the merits or demerits of the attitudes assumed by both Great Britain and Japan in this case, more than what is remarked above, this is written objectively with a view to finding where the real issues rest, or should rest.

I SHALL first recapitulate the essential facts connected with this case, and then proceed on to a discussion of the legal principles involved and precedents applicable.

From news reports, which have so far not been denied, the incident happened in this way. At about noon, on January 21, and at a point 35 miles off the Japanese coast, a British warship ordered the Asama Maru, on her way from the United States to Japan, to stop. A party of British officers boarded the Japanese boat, and demanded from the captain the removal from his ship of certain Germans whose names they presented in a list.

As a consequence, 21 Germans of military age were taken off the vessel, while thirty other Germans, mostly merchants, were allowed to continue on their way.

On the night of the second day, the Japanese Government lodged a formal protest with the British Government, reserving the right of demanding the handing over of the Germans. It was further pointed out in this note that Japan regarded the removal of these men from a neutral ship near the coast of Japan as an unfriendly act, for which she requested an early explanation, "sufficient and solid."

From the British Government, it concluded with the request that the British Government "pay profound consideration to the matter in the broad light of the relations between Japan and Britain."

It is significant that in the Japanese Note, as far as available information goes, hardly any reference was made of the legal aspect of the matter, beyond remarking that "the British authorities had

been sufficiently informed that the Japanese Government hitherto have stood for the recognised provision that the nationals of a belligerent Power aboard a neutral ship whose surrender the other belligerent Power would be able to demand should be confined to those included in the military forces."

THE British reply to the protest was handed in to the Japanese Government on January 27. It is understood that the British note pointed out that the stopping of the Asama Maru and the removal of German passengers were carried out in accordance with the right of a belligerent Power under international Law. And, that the Germans removed were on their way home by order of their home Government at the latter's expense; that it was evident that upon return home they were to be embodied into armed forces immediately. That, furthermore, the British Government held that the clause of the London Declaration providing for the seizure of enemy nationals embodied into armed forces can be extended to apply to reserves. It was also explained that according to German law, there is no difference between combatants, including reserves, and that of all males of military age. In conclusion, the note suggested a refusal of the proposed release of the Germans taken away.

IF this is what is said to be substantially the content of the British note, in reply to the Japanese protest, then our belief that the British Government has taken its stand from the legal point of view, instead of "the broad view-point" as expected by the Japanese Government, is confirmed. However, as the development of the negotiation on this affair indicates in the last few days Great Britain might do her utmost to satisfy Japanese aspiration by taking into account of the "political implications," while reserving the question of principles involved.

In discussing the legal principles involved in the present case, one may start either from the angle of neutral rights and duties or from the angle of belligerent rights and duties. In any way, the conclusion reached would be the same, since these rights and duties are correlative. Here, for convenience, I propose to start from the former angle, beginning with neutral duties in times of war.

The issues of the present case seem to hinge on the kind of answer to be given to these two questions: Firstly, is it permissible for neutral ship to carry military persons or persons "embodied in the armed forces" of the enemy? Secondly, Can the Germans removed by the British naval force from the Japanese ship, the "Asama Maru," be regarded as military persons or persons "embodied in the armed forces" of the enemy?

If the first question could be answered, in the affirmative, then Great Britain was only exercising such belligerent rights as recognised by International Law. The first, being a question in the abstract, can be readily answered in the negative.

Since neutrality, as Oppenheim says, "is an attitude of impartiality," it is the duties of neutrals to refrain from giving such assistance and succour to one of the belligerents as is detrimental to the other; and such injuries to the one as benefit the other. Among these duties, which war law poses upon the neutrals, is a kind of assistance known as "unneutral service," which they should not render to the enemy. By unneutral service, as it is understood nowadays, is meant the carriage of persons and despatches for the enemy by neutral ships, in contrast with the carriage of contraband, which forms a different category of itself. The breach of the former duties is regarded as a more serious matter, as such act is deemed to be in the direct service to the enemy; and in extreme cases such neutral vessel is liable to be treated as an enemy merchant vessel. The condemnation, in the last century of the "Orozco" and the "Century," two American vessels, by Great Britain for carrying of contraband, is a case in point.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Railway Bombing AMERICA SHOWS CONCERN

Washington, Feb. 3. It has been learned from reliable sources that the United States Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. Joseph Grew, has sharply informed Japan that the United States is very concerned over the Japanese bombings of the Yunnan Railway.

Mr. Grew's note is considered to be short of a formal protest, but it has taken added significance because of the already strained relations between the United States and Japan.

The Ambassador told the Japanese that the United States considers the railway to be an artery for the normal transportation of goods destined for the United States and an artery for travel by American citizens and diplomats.

The same notice has been brought to the attention of the French Foreign Office.—United Press.

No French Demarche
Paris, Feb. 3. It is understood that no demarche will be made by the French authorities to Japan on the subject of yesterday's bombing of the Hainan-Yunnan Railway.

The bombing is attributed to the lack of discipline of the local Japanese air force. The French, however, strongly support the American demarche against previous bombings which were being presented by the United States Ambassador in Tokyo almost at the same moment when further bombings were taking place.—Reuter.

Franco-American Relations
Paris, Feb. 3. It has been reliably stated that Japan has proposed negotiations for a new trade pact between France and Japan which will be applicable in wartime in succession to the peacetime treaty negotiated in June. It is understood that Japan wants to negotiate on behalf of Japan, Manchukuo and the North China Wang Ching-wei regime, thus virtually forcing recognition of the Wang Ching-wei Government despite the recent French declaration that France recognizes only Chiang Kai-shek.

The French have stressed the fact that the bombing of the Yunnan Railway occurred while the Franco-Japanese conversations were in progress concerning the January bus-bombardment of the same line. The French are insistent on their right to operate the line.—United Press.

Another Raid
Kunming, Feb. 4. A further Japanese air raid took place yesterday on the same bridge. Cutting the railway and telegraphic communication, thus adding to the difficulties of rescue work.—Reuter.

Spirit Of The Empire

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The essential strength of the Commonwealth lay in its being an association of free people, said Mr. Anthony Eden in a speech on Saturday.

Some short-sighted observers, he said, believed that on account of this freedom the Dominions would not stand by Britain's side. They failed to understand the spirit of the British Empire which lay in its greater freedom.

We were fighting not only to maintain but also to keep the progress in freedom of mind and spirit, of which the British Empire was a living example, he concluded.

No Pole Will Turn Traitor

PARIS, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Neither Germany nor Poland managed to form a sham Government in those parts of Poland which they had respectively occupied because they could not find a single Pole willing to turn traitor, declared the Polish Minister for Social Welfare at a session of the governing body of the International Labour Office.

The whole Polish people, and particularly the workers, are carrying on under terrible conditions in a desperate struggle for liberty, he said.

When the war was over, he continued, Poland would play her part in establishing international co-operation in all spheres.

A Warning To Free Nations

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The Netherlands newspaper, "Hansdied", commenting on the Vatican broadcasts of Nazi terrorism, says that these may be considered as a warning to western free nations to form a wall against barbarism and despotism.

The world is asking how the German methods which justified the overthrowing the Versailles Treaty can be put alongside the cruelties which she herself is showing against the small and weak nations that are in her power.

REDS MAKING ANOTHER BID TO SMASH MANNERHEIM LINE

Japan Providing Own Convoy

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (Domel).—Ploughing her way through heavy seas, the N.Y.K. liner Hakuyo Maru arrived in Yokohama yesterday afternoon from South America.

Captain Kikuzo Torii has disclosed that some time after the Hakuyo Maru left Honolulu for Yokohama she was met by a Japanese warship which kept her company during the latter part of her voyage. Before reaching Japanese waters the warship wirelessed "Bon Voyage" and disappeared in the distance.

Powers' Interest In Balkans

London, Feb. 4. The attitude the Powers indirectly interested in the meeting of Balkan statesmen is summed up in London as follows:

Germany's main considerations are, firstly, to get supplies of food and oil, and more increasing quantities, secondly, to prevent a military bloc between the Powers that would eventually strengthen their potential resistance.

Italy has worked for improvement of relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia and Rumania and would be glad to strengthen the power of resistance of these States to any Russian advance.

Russia is saving the Bessarabian question until prepared to deal with it. She would certainly hate to see Germany get the Balkans, but an agreement giving Germany Rumanian oilfields and Rumanian coast sections cannot be left out.

Britain and France want to see the Balkan Entente strengthened and able to resist both economic and political pressure from the outside. They will naturally participate in a policy of economic warfare to prevent, as far as possible, the Germans getting supplies from the Balkans. At the same time they have every interest in the maintenance of peace and understanding between the south-western European States.

Hungary and Bulgaria, two States who have claims against the Entente, seem, for the time being, to have adopted a moderate attitude. This in the case of Hungary can be attributed to Italian advice. It is unlikely that there will be any substantial alterations in mutual economic relations between the four Balkan countries.—Reuter.

Berlin Report

Berlin, Feb. 3. Authorised quarters, referring to the Belgrade conference report, declared they knew nothing definite thereof but considered it unlikely that Germany will undertake guarantees to Rumania "because that would hardly make for peace in the Balkans which is what we want. It would much likelier lead to an undesirable blockade."—United Press.

Reported Agreement

Belgrade, Feb. 3. It is reported in well-informed quarters that the Balkan Entente meeting to-day reached an agreement to extend the existing Balkan convention expiring February 9, 1941, by seven years.

It is understood that the standing committee meeting to-day discussed the relations between the Entente Powers and Italy apart from Rumania's relations with Hungary and Bulgaria.

Measures taken up at the general meeting were understood to be:

That both the political and the economic neutrality of the Balkan States should be respected in connection with the current European war.

That the Balkan Entente Powers should not increase their exports to belligerent Powers.

That existing agreements with belligerent Powers should be respected but no new agreements with them should be concluded.—Domel.

Pact With Bulgaria

Moscow, Feb. 4. The trade treaty with Bulgaria, which was concluded on January 5, has been ratified by the Supreme Soviet Council.—Reuter.

NO SUNDAY JAZZ FOR THE B.E.F.

British troops in France, for whom the B.E.C., are opening a new 342-meter wavelength service, are to be subject to the same "taboo" jazz programmes and most people ridicule the restriction.

The programmes are to contain none of the light-hearted dance music and cabaret items which make the Continental broadcasts so popular with the B.E.F.

Only four special items different from the usual Home Service, were to be given on Jan. 7th.—B.B.C.

Sidon Orchestra in place of a Violin recital. Records of Peter Dawson instead of a Church Service.

Concert Orchestra instead of Sir Walford Davies and a musical feature, and Mantovani and Orchestra instead of a serial play.

Greater Co-Ordination Shown By Invaders In Their New Assault

London, Feb. 4. The Soviet's new bid to smash through the Mannerheim Line is being conducted with scientific precision that is astonishing the Finns, telegraphs Reuter's special correspondent. Waves of aeroplanes, intensity of artillery barrage, swarms of tanks and the regular advance of infantry betray a co-ordination that was absent from the previous Russian attacks.

The Soviet troops are playing the main part in the attack on this sector. The battlefront is now a chaotic inferno of churned up and blood-stained snow in the fairly open country between Lakes Muolaa and Kuolama.

The first onslaught is believed to have made considerable inroads into the Finnish lines, but the Finns recovered and launched a carefully timed counter-attack and regained their positions.

The Finns' greatest recent success occurred north of Lake Ladoga where the Soviet troops are fighting desperately at a number of points to escape a trap in which the Finns are trying to isolate them.

Near the shore of the lake itself a large body is reported to be making a grim struggle against a ring of Finnish machine-guns which is preventing them rejoining their main body.

Italian planes have been among the fighters doing defence work for the past few days.—Reuter.

NAZI AIR RAIDS

Crowds See Thrilling East Coast Fight

London, Feb. 3. It is officially announced that three German Heinkel bombers were shot down on the north-east coast to-day after attacking Allied shipping.

Three British pursuit planes engaged a Heinkel which was attacking a British trawler off the Yorkshire coast, chased it inland where it crashed in flames on the Yorkshire moors. Two of the crew were killed and two others sent to hospital.

Witnesses said that three British fighter planes dived about the German plane and chased it back and forth until the German began billowing smoke, sank lower and lower and finally crashed near a coastal town.

German planes resumed their attacks on Allied shipping on the east coast this afternoon. One German plane dropped six bombs at a steamer which another plane had attacked earlier in the day. All the bombs missed their target.

The bombers came through the mist over the east and north-east coasts, split formation and swept down on ships of all sizes, using their machine-guns.

British fighter planes rushed seaward and engaged the raiders.

The Air Ministry announced that two of the German planes "were brought down and another was 'very seriously damaged'." But indicated that there were three successful interceptions.

This is the most successful report the R.A.F. has yet made to the German bombers which have been preying on shipping.—United Press.

Crashed Near Cottage

London, Feb. 3. An eye-witness, who arrived at the scene shortly after a German plane crashed in Yorkshire, said: "One of the crew was dead and two of the remaining three wounded. The Heinkel crashed close to a moorland cottage two miles from Whitby riddled with bullets.

No alarm was given though the A.R.P. services stood by in case their services were needed.

Crowds stood in the streets watching the thrilling battle and as the bomber came swooping down the crew could be seen through the cabin windows.

Four of the German crew were killed and one injured. The survivors managed to get fire to the plane before surrendering to the Police.—Reuter.

British Wireless adds that the bodies of two German airmen, which were washed ashore, were buried with military honours.

Gorman Report

Berlin, Feb. 3. It has been officially announced that German planes to-day sank nine merchant ships, one mine-sweeper and four patrol boats in the North Sea.

The announcement said three German planes had failed to return to their bases.

In the course of reconnaissance flights over the North Sea German air force units attacked British warships as well as armed and convoyed merchantmen. Despite very heavy anti-aircraft fire and interference by British pursuit planes, one mine-sweeper, four patrol boats and nine merchantmen were sunk and numerous other armed merchant ships were damaged, some of them seriously.—United Press.

One Ship Lost

London, Feb. 4. The German High Command claims that 14 ships were sunk but the only success was the sinking of a small Norwegian steamer of a few hundred tons.—Reuter Bulletin.

Hitler Being Double-Crossed?

ROME, Feb. 4 (Reuter Bulletin).—An editorial in Marshal Balbo's newspaper to-day declares that Russia has double-crossed Germany.

"The Soviet has gone far beyond their agreement with the Nazis and unscrupulously meddled with the interests of Germans. Russia has abandoned aid to Germany and no foodstuffs, iron or other vital materials have been sent from Russia," it says.

LUZON ALLEGED TO BE FIRED ON

Shanghai, Feb. 3. According to an announcement by the Japanese military spokesman the United States gunboat Luzon, with the American Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, aboard, was endangered by Chinese artillery fire yesterday afternoon 20 miles above Wuhan, while proceeding down the Yangtze from Hankow escorted by a Japanese warship.

It is alleged that six or seven shrapnel shells from the Chinese artillery were fired at the Japanese and American gunboats, but it is not sure which ship was the target.

Neither, however, was hit.

Hitherto there is no confirmation of the Japanese allegation from any other source.

Mr. Johnson is expected to arrive in Shanghai to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter.

United Press adds that following the shelling the Japanese sent another warship, from which Japanese blue-jackets landed at the spot and succeeded in routing the Chinese, who escaped with the field artillery.

Mr. Johnson is returning from Hankow, accompanied by his private secretary, Sidney P. Lafoon, Naval Attaché, Commander H. E. Overesch, and James McHugh, and military attaché, Major William Mayer.—United Press.

Luzon Not Target

Shanghai, Feb. 4. The American Ambassador on arrival here denied that the Luzon was fired on. He said that distant artillery fire, which could not be identified, was directed towards a Japanese transport.—United Press.

Washington Not Told

Washington, Feb. 3. The Navy Department said they had not yet received any reports of the shots which were allegedly fired at the Luzon. They said that Admiral Thomas Hart has wide powers to deal with any situation which may develop. The State Department also said they had received no official report on the matter.—United Press.

Manila Officials Reticent

Manila, Feb. 4. Admiral Thomas Hart refused to confirm or deny the reports that the Gunboat Luzon was fired on by guerrillas yesterday. Other Navy officials also claimed they have no knowledge of the affair.—United Press.

INTENSIFIED RAIDS ON SHIPS DURING WEEK-END

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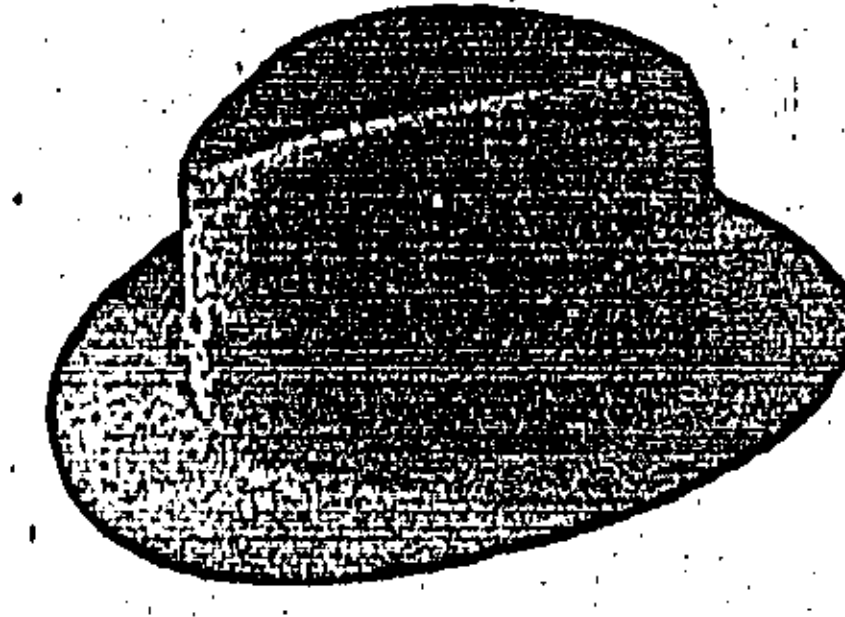
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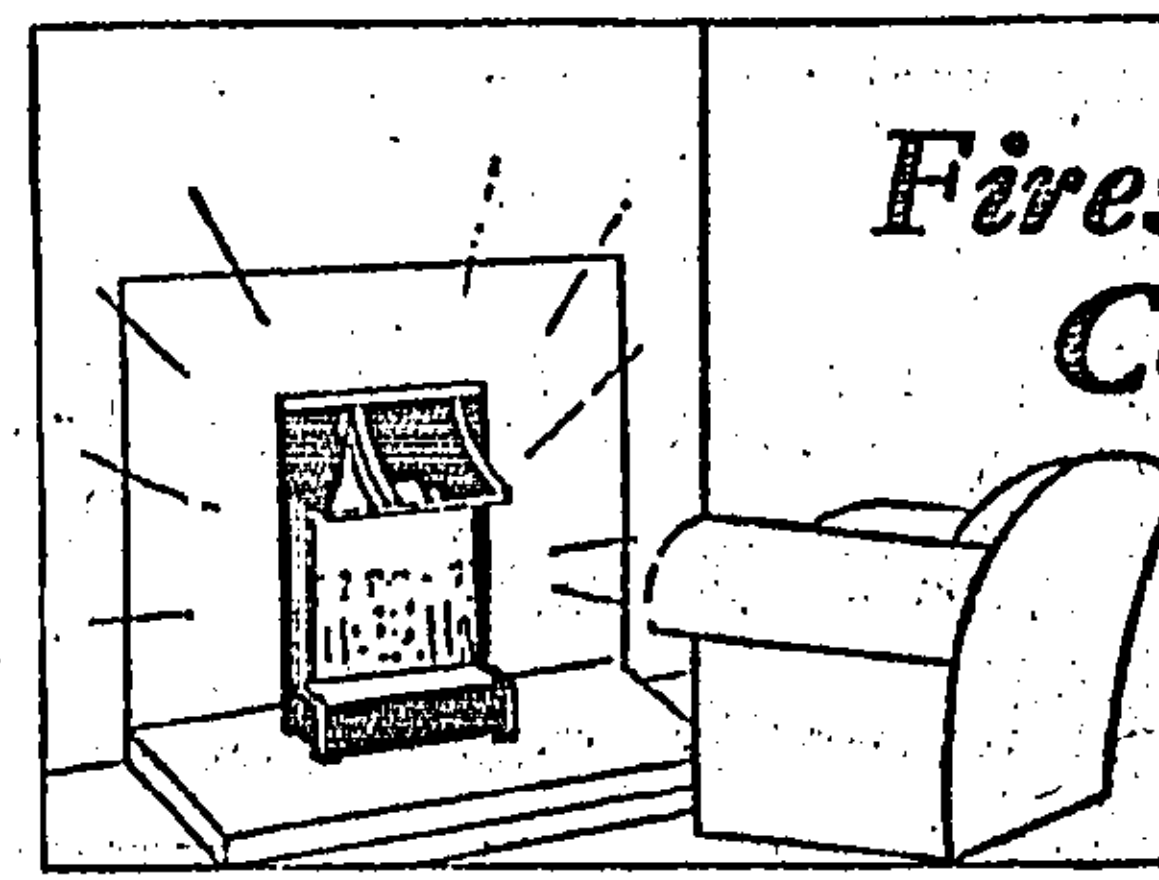
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Husband Cites Best Man, Gets Decree

A MAN who, seven years ago was best man at the wedding of his friend, appeared in the Divorce Court in London recently—cited as co-respondent by the husband.

Paris Changing 'Moscow Street' To 'Helsinki'

PARIS, Dec. 12 (AP).—If some Councilmen have their way, "Moscow" Street in Paris will become "Helsinki" Street.

At a noisy session at which Finland's defence against Russia was praised, several Councilmen introduced a motion to name a street in the city after the Finnish capital. Other Councilmen immediately proposed the present Moscow Street be renamed Helsinki (Helsingfors).

The resolution was referred to a committee which indicated it would give quick approval to the change.

NEW CHIEF FOR R. A. F.

THE appointment of Air-Marshal (acting Air-Chief-Marshal) Sir Charles S. Burnett as Chief of the Air Staff of the Royal Australian Air Force has led to a reshuffle in three higher commands of the R.A.F.

Appointments to take place "in the near future."

Air-Marshal Sir Christopher Lloyd Courtney to be Air Member for Supply and Organisation on the Air Council in place of Air Vice-Marshal (acting Air-Marshal) Sir L. Welsh.

Air Vice-Marshal Gossage is the new Inspector-General of the R.A.F., replacing Air-Marshal (acting Air-Chief-Marshal) Sir Charles S. Burnett.

De Valera "Solves" Irish Problem

SINGLE TICKETS to BRITAIN from BELFAST

MR. DE VALERA, Eire's Prime Minister, has a plan for settling his country's "minority" problem.

It has a similarity to that by which Germans were transferred "home" from the Baltic States.

Mr. de Valera disclosed his plan at the annual congress of the Flanna Fail Party, which re-elected him president.

He saw no justice, he said, in a portion of the Irish people who wanted to be under a national Parliament being kept out by force.

There was not a nation whose territory and national home were as well defined as the national home of the Irish people.

He believed that with good will, unity could be brought about, even if they had to go to the extent of saying to the people who were op-

posed to unity that they should be transferred out of Ireland, if they preferred to be British rather than Irish.

If that were arranged by the two peoples it would cost far less than the constant friction between them. Viscount Craigavon, Northern Ireland Prime Minister, addressing Orangemen in Belfast, said that arrangements to meet any difficulty from the South of Ireland were "splendid and complete."

MICKEY ROONEY MAY BE FILM DAVID

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is thinking of buying the film rights of "The Boy David," by Sir James Barrie.

The part of David would be played by Mickey Rooney.

The Worst Official Muddle Yet R.A.F. MAN TOLD HE IS NOT SANE AND "GIVEN" A CHILD

AIRCRAFTMAN F. LEMPRIEVE, is a victim of brutal official muddle.

Further officialdom has notified him of the birth of a daughter he does not possess.

And finally it has casually described him as "of unsound mind." The remark about "unsound mind" was scribbled on the side of a printed document in reply to Mrs. Lempriere's desperate appeals for allowance to which she is entitled.

I spent this afternoon with Mr. Lempriere and discussed the complicated story of his case. He is an entirely sane and highly intelligent man.

Completely Fit

That brutal comment, however, is only one incident in the tribulations of the Lempriere family.

Mr. Lempriere was a local government clerk, who had never known a day's illness.

He served throughout the last war, later in the R.A.F., and was called up for the present war as a Class E reservist.

When medically examined he was passed as completely fit and sent to an aerodrome.

He and 1,500 other men were given blankets and sent to sleep on the cement floor of a hangar.

During the night ground mist made them so cold that they ran up and down on the tarmac to get warm.

Mr. Lempriere was later posted to another Air Force unit and was taken seriously ill. His wife was despaired of, and after a serious abdominal operation repeated blood transfusions were made.

Meanwhile Mrs. Lempriere had been forced to apply for public assistance because her allowance book did not reach her for six weeks.

Payment Stopped

On November 1 her husband was brought home from hospital in an ambulance with £1.

He was given a slip of paper stating that he would be discharged from the Army as from November 29, his invalid, family and other allowances to continue till that date, when he would receive his discharge papers.

They have not arrived. All allowance stopped on November 29.

In reply to a letter asking the reason for this his wife was told that, "in consequence of her husband's discharge," the Post Office had stopped payment, but that "a postal draft for family allowance in respect of the birth of your child, Carol, will be forwarded."

When she protested that there was no Carol the authorities sent an apology.

Subsequent correspondence produced a reply from the main depot with a marginal note "Your husband was discharged with unsound mind."

I have seen all the papers—masses of them—and some "the just" and "the right" protesting ignorance of anything and everything.

They have now been turned over to Mr. Tom Williams, M.P., who is to insist on full redress.



LONG COLUMNS of Japanese lorries moving across rough country on the Kwangsi-Kwangtung border.—Domest.

Tortured Briton Fights On At 64

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MEMORIES of a Russian prison, and of brutality 20 years old, were raised at question time in the House of Commons recently.

Sir Cooper Rawson (C. Brighton) asked the Prime Minister:—

If the Government were taking any further action to press for compensation from the Soviet Government for the injuries suffered by Mr. Joseph Martin, of Brighton, who was imprisoned without trial in Moscow in 1919; or

If he would consider granting payment to Mr. Martin because his claim was not put forward with those of two other British subjects which were met by the Soviet Government in 1923.

The Prime Minister replied that there are 260 claims against the Soviet Government for compensation for the consequences of imprisonment of British subjects in Russia.

In none of these had it been possible to obtain satisfaction.

Wouldn't Be Traitor

Behind that question and answer lies a bitter story. Mr. Martin, who now lives with his Russian wife in St. George's terrace, Brighton, told it to me.

At 64 he is a pitiful man, his almost unseeing eyes hidden behind blue glasses.

His story sweeps back to a different Europe, when as a young man he taught English in the high schools of Moscow before the last war.

In November, 1919, he was asked to work in the anti-British section of the Third International. He refused to play, traitor to his own country.

He was arrested, thrown into a verminous cell, beaten by warders, starved.

Later he was transferred to the Butirki prison in Moscow.

He was tied to his bed with ropes that cut weals in his arms. He was beaten severely.

After a time he fell unconscious, and was pitched into a corridor among corpses.

A fellow-prisoner rescued him, and he lay for months in a state of exhaustion.

In 1920 he was released at the request of the British Government and repatriated.

His complaint against the Government is that in 1923 two similar cases—those of Mrs. Davidson, whose husband was shot—and Mrs. Stan Harding, who had been imprisoned for four months—were pressed against the Russian Government.

Russia paid them £10,000 and £3,000 respectively.

FILED LETTER SOLVES RIDDLE

NEWS of a £5,000 bequest took Manchester Dental Hospital by surprise.

The money—in the form of a trust in which others have first a life interest—was left in the will of Mr. Edward Regan, of Queen's-gardens, Baywater, W.

"It is wonderful news," said the hospital secretary.

"But who was Mr. Regan? Why did he single out our hospital for such a gift?"

"I can't think who he was, unless—"

Then for the first time she remembered that three years ago she received a letter from Baywater asking about the hospital's work.

A copy of the annual report was sent by return.

And through the correspondence files revealed that the inquirer was Mr. Edward Regan—a dentist.

THE BANNED DOCTOR

BECAUSE they do not belong to the British Medical Association, or have not rendered "past services" to the Association, 23,000 doctors, it is declared, may never get a chance of serving with the Forces.

These doctors, according to men prominent in the medical profession, are victims of one of the greatest rams and profligate scandals of the war.

Doctors are recruited for the three Forces—Army, Navy and Air—through the B.M.A. Applications for commissions are first made to local committees of the association.

"Unless a doctor belongs to the B.M.A.," a well-known West End doctor told the Sunday Pictorial, "his application to serve is most likely just filed and conveniently forgotten."

The West End doctor cited two instances of how "favouritism" operates in certain cases.

Two doctors have a good practice. They have each been awarded five "Boards" a week for examining recruits.

"For each Board they receive £2 2s. Thus their practice is richer by £21 a week."

Jobs Kept Open

Another man who practised dentistry, but never touched medicine, has been appointed as a qualified examiner.

Meanwhile, other doctors see their incomes rapidly depleted as the result of evocation and the calling up of men.

"It is a scandal that Government money should be used by an association for the payment of past services," said the West End doctor. "But that is happening."

B.M.A. are keeping jobs open nicely for their members."

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\$1,000 LEAFLET DISCOVERED

A pamphlet worth \$1,000 has been discovered after laying about for 300 years.

It is of ten leaves and it has been discovered in the survey of the ancient library of St. John College on the Embankment, near Blackfriars Bridge.

It has been gathering dust on the shelves for more than 300 years. Published in London in 1630, the date of the founding of the library, it was probably among the first books acquired.

The survey was carried through during the last two years with a grant of £500 from the Pilgrim Trust.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday:

A certain air of liveliness was about during the morning resulting in a good turnover for a Saturday.

	Buyers	Sellers	Prices
H.K. Bank	100	100	\$1,400.00
Fire Ins.	100	100	\$100.00
Docks	100	100	\$21.00
Hotels	100	100	\$5.00
Land	100	100	\$31.00
Coco Grove	100	100	\$2.00
Tramways	100	100	\$17.70
Amalgamated	100	100	\$24.00
China Lights	100	100	\$4.00
Electric	100	100	\$25.00
Telephone	100	100	\$24.00
Cement	100	100	\$10.00
Ropes	100	100	\$21.00
Dairy Farms	100	100	\$20.00
Watsons	100	100	\$9.20
Entertainment	100	100	\$0.00

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	Buyers	Sellers	Prices
Atoka	100	100	\$10.00
Antanok	100	100	\$10.00
Donito Gold	100	100	\$10.00
Batong Bulay	100	100	\$10.00
Big Wedge	100	100	\$10.00
Coco Grove	100	100	\$10.00
Con. Mines	100	100	\$10.00
Demonstrations	100	100	\$10.00
East Mindanao	100	100	\$10.00
I.L.L.	100	100	\$10.00
Ipo Gold	100	100	\$10.00
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Syndicate Inv.	100	100	\$10.00
United Manila	100	100	\$10.00
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SUPREME COURT

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Chinese New Year Vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturday when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, except in so far as the Criminal Sessions are concerned. The Chinese New Year Vacation begins on February 9 and terminates on February 12, 1940, (both days inclusive).

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Short Cuts

Place green olives in a jar of sweet pickles and allow to remain long enough to acquire the flavour of pickles. This makes a delicious variation in serving relishes.

Try warming clothespins in a pan in the oven during cold weather. It saves cold fingers and makes clothes hanging easier by preventing the corners of flat pieces from becoming unwieldy with frost.

Use a cork for scouring knives and save the wear and tear on dish cloths. Dip the cork in water first, then into cleaning powder and apply.

Always wash the hands before starting to sew on a delicate article, as sewing is inclined to make the hands perspire and the slightest grime will quickly show on the material.

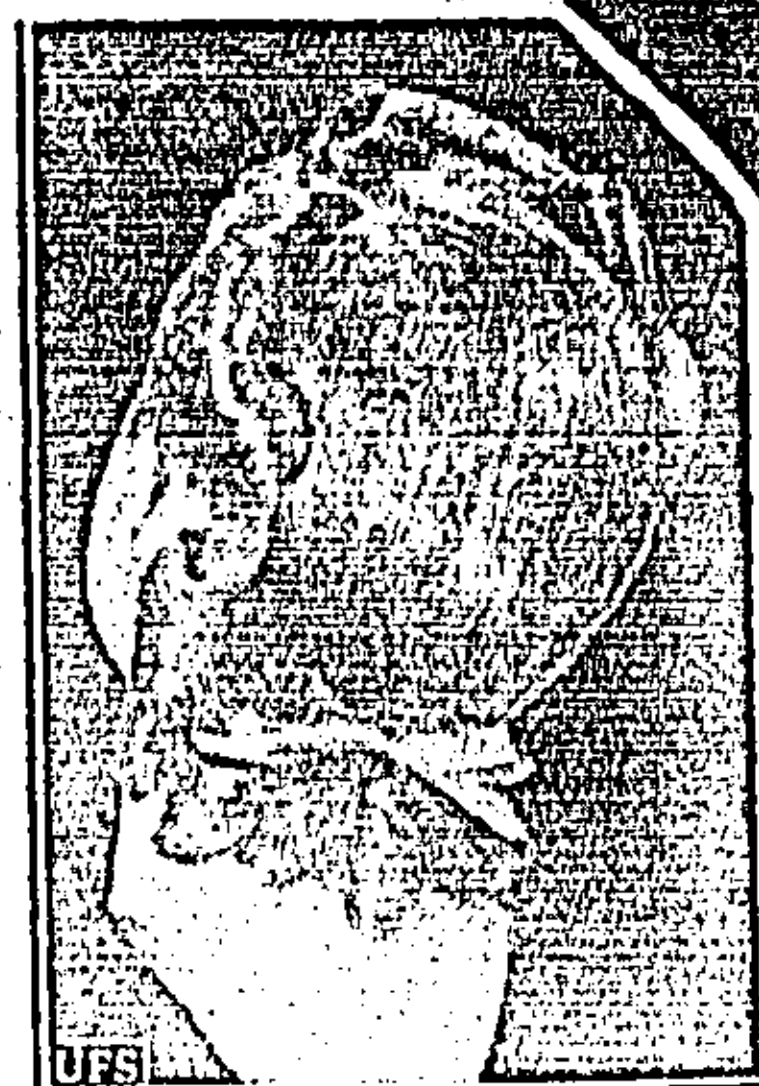
A cloth slightly moistened with vinegar will remove finger marks from furniture. Follow this with a little furniture polish, rubbing hard till it dries.

Black And Red

Black "ablaze with flaming red and scintillating gold" is new in after-dark fashions. New in this category is the variety of evening coats in the red, black and gold scheme. There is the long, red wool with black passementerie frogs, a flared red tunic and another long red woollen wrap with black velvet yoke and hood.

An Old-Fashioned Girl

This Impish hairdress is swept up in front and on the sides. It is caught and bent at the nape of the neck by a bow which gathers the curls in a cluster on the back of the neck. The perfect coiffure for a bustle dress!



Loose Curls For Milady

By JACQUELINE HUNT

THE old has become the very, very new—judging by the hair styles noted recently. Big, smooth, vertical curls, sometimes called "English curls" but looking very much akin to those your mother used to roll so carefully on rings when you were a little girl, are news of the moment.

One hairdresser starts them high and has clusters of them. One coiffure for a young girl calls for a centre part, the first curls being caught rather high over the temples and falling low on the shoulders like the hairdo of a Spanish "infanta". For the older woman the top hair is dressed high, then the sides and back are dressed rather high but with the ends cascading in vertical curls.

Another gathers his curls at the nape of the neck and ties them with a velvet bow, called the Boops-a-daisy, after the new dance imported from London by Arthur Murray. Still another swirls the hair back from the temples, with the first big shining curls starting behind the ears, the rest of the back hair turned loosely into three or four more in a charming little ring effect. The hair over the crown of the head is very smooth and polished and the top hair high either in a coque of loose curls or rolls.

Bangs Are Unique

Bangs are still another old-new idea. These are treated variously. Some simply have a topknot of curls, some of which drop forward to hide the hairline. Others cut a real fringe of bangs and curl or wave them. One imaginative young hair stylist has bangs but with a 180° angle, for they are not cut straight across, but in scallops or diagonal lines that soften the brow or add dash and piquancy to the individual face.

These are the hairdressers' concession to snoods. Velling or a snood will not conceal straggling ends and bad lines, but on the other hand, they do spoil the effect of elaborate waves or ringlets over the back of the head. The new coiffures that mold the back so beautifully are perfect; if your hair has a short or long snood, the long curls give the final nice, finishing line. They may even tend gradually to eliminate the snood.

The new coiffures do not lack individuality, as one might suspect, but can be arranged to flatter the neck, head and jawline. An interesting trick sometimes employed for the girl with a long face, is a centre part down the back of the head, the crown flat and the ends finished in loose, fluffy curls that give fullness behind and below the ears, creating an illusion of width in the face.

The long vertical curls are perfect for the girl with a short neck. The front hair may be combed up into interesting top curls, the back section of hair combed together toward the nape of the neck to dovetail into big curls that look like a knot.

Back Parts Interesting

Back parts are used frequently to add interest. One coiffure seen recently had the hair parted on a slant from the top right, across and downward. Soft rolls followed the slanting line of part down to the long ends which were finished in three or four big curls. In another the back hair was parted into two sections, brushed smoothly down, crossing each other and fastened securely at the neckline. The ends were caught into bunches of vertical curls behind each ear.

With so much uncurled hair, the accent is more on treatments to bring out all the luster and beauty of the hair rather than on permanents. Of course, a permanent is needed, too, but often only the ends and top section of hair are treated.

B.W.O.F. ACTIVITIES

More comforts for the Fighting Services have been made by local working parties. Twelve cases of knitted garments and hospital necessities are being sent by the next Blue Ensign steamer. Five of these are for distribution by the British Red Cross Organization, two are being sent to the Royal Naval Comforts Depot, and four to the Army Comforts Depot. The latter one is earmarked for the Royal Tank units and one for the Middlesex Regiment.

The working centre of the Club de Recreio recently held a Bridge and Mahjong Drive and the proceeds (\$150) were sent to the British War Organisation Fund.

Bradman's Book Read During Cricket Case

MAURICE TATE, the England and Sussex cricketer, gave expert evidence at Sussex Assizes at Hove recently. And Don Bradman's book on cricket was consulted by Mr. Justice Humphreys and counsel.

They were trying to find out where "silly mid-on" fields in a cricket match.

Thirteen-year-old John Barfoot, son of a Seaford (Sussex) garage proprietor, had said he was fielding in this position in a school game when he was hit on the head by the ball and his skull was fractured. He and his father, Mr. Terence William Barfoot, claimed damages from the East Sussex County Council.

The judge reserved his decision after hearing Tate say that the position was "suicidal" for an inexperienced boy and the master who was in charge of the game deny that the boy was told to field there.

Tate said it was dangerous for a boy to field within ten yards of a batsman.

He said: "I have retreated many times when I have found a bowler has not a very good length. If you have a really good bowler, such as Larwood, who is very accurate, it is different."

Tate Shivered

"I had Patsy Hendren stand up within three yards of me on one Australian trip, and very successful he was."

"I have fielded three yards from the batsman—but I shivered a bit," John told the judge he was fifteen feet from the batsman when he was hit. He did not like the position, because shortly before a ball had just missed his head.

Mr. George Thomas Stevenson, the master in charge of the game, said that he told Barfoot to stand at square leg and probably helped him to get the position of true square leg by motioning with his hands.

He did not tell the boys to close in.

The ball out of which the accident arose was of the yorker type and the batsman came out to meet it. Barfoot ducked when the ball was coming at him and it struck him on the head.

Coffee For Shipwrecked Sailors

After the Newcastle collier Towneley (2,800 tons) hit a mine off the south-east coast on January 7 the 24 members of the crew were brought ashore by a lifeboat and given coffee poured out for them by A. B. Arcler, a local volunteer, who was recently decorated by the King for his bravery in examining unexploded mines.

The explosion caused tons of coal to be forced through the hatches, descending over the deck in a black shower.

One stoker said it was the most comfortable shipwreck he could remember—none of the crew got wet, and their only complaint was the cold on the trip ashore.

PRIVATE RUSHED TO COT OF BABY

A SCOTTISH private on duty at British G.H.Q. in France was handed a telegram.

Wondering why he should have such an urgent message, he tore open the envelope.

Inside was a message from his wife in Rosburn-street, Edinburgh, to tell him that his 18-month-old daughter, June, had been taken to hospital with heart trouble and was seriously ill.

At once the machinery of the British Army began to work on his behalf.

Driven To Station

Permission for him to return to Scotland was quickly granted. An Army tender hastened him to the station, where he caught the boat train.

Before he embarked he was given a word of warning. He must not tell his wife until he arrived in England.

From the port of arrival he sent her a telegram.

It stated that he was travelling on the night express.

Smile Of Welcome

He stepped out of the train at Edinburgh. A few hours later he and his wife were sitting at a tiny hospital cot.

Baby June looked up and smiled a welcome.

Now the doctors have expressed the opinion that June may live for another two months.

FEAST OF DON BOSCO

St. John Don Bosco, founder of the great Salesian Order, was publicly honoured yesterday at St. Anthony's Church, West Point.

People from all over Hongkong attended the morning and evening services held in the Church. The Blessed Sacrament in the evening, Father M. Suppe, S.C., delivered a homily in English.

Appropriate music was rendered by the Salesian Choir of Shaokwan.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1890.
The Peak Hotel and Trading Company, Limited, Notice to shareholders. Notice is hereby given that the second instalment of \$5 (five dollars) per share, in the above company will fall due on February 15th next, and is payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be chargeable on all calls unpaid on due date. By order of the Board of Directors. J. Wheeler, Secretary.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1915.
Earl Kitchener continuing to make things move at the War Office, says a "Globe" correspondent. His activity is wonderful and he is especially keen on making the contractor know his place.

10 YEARS AGO

Nanking, Feb. 5, 1930.
Political consequences which may have far-reaching effects on the future of South China and which will be keenly watched by official circles in the North are expected to result from the official visit to Canton, early next week, of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

Neglected Skin Can Undo Beauty Efforts

By JACQUELINE HUNT

PEOPLE who design our fashions may disagree as to which is more flattering, the pencil silhouette, the romantic full-skirted affair or the bustle. Some may insist on natural make-up, while others prefer frankly artificial, stylised face-do. But on one point they all agree. No woman looks really smart, really attractive, unless her complexion is smooth and pliant.

As one designer expresses it, "Give specials on several splendid colds a woman with a good figure and weather lotions. Stock up with lots of money. I can design knock-out to last the rest of the winter out, clothing for her, but if her skin looks rough or weatherbeaten—then contain rich, lubricating creams and my make-up undone. Other women oils and can be used to guard your may envy her clothes, but they won't care for that complexion!"

As for men, she goes on to say, cold weather will give you if you they don't care if a woman's dress don't watch out. Especially if you is the latest Paris creation or not, go in for skating, skiing, or if you They take one look at the woman with coarse, dull skin and then hurry they, a preliminary lotioning will away to find Miss Pouches-and-Cream who is dressed in last year's bargain. Maybe she's not "smart"—maybe she must save her pennies, but she's smart enough to save her precious face, too. She sees that her skin gets extra care all winter.

Use Lotion Faithfully

She realises that cold wind and steam heat can dry out and chap the face, and she sees to it that her skin stays smooth. Neither wind nor sleet nor the rush of holiday parties are going to keep her from looking feminine and romantic! The secret of her success may be something as simple as a good softening skin lotion regularly applied. And that's no strain on any woman's budget!

Frankly, many of us forget the simple things at times. There is such a bewildering variety of creams, tonics, softeners, masks and foundations available that we wish we could afford, while the simple, inexpensive lotion or cream that would solve our problems if faithfully used passes unnoticed. Right now there are bargain fresh application of softening cream.

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Black peau de soie suit in walking length of 15½ inches from the ground. Dolero, slightly squared shoulders, three-quarters length fitted sleeves, and appliqued bows of self-fabric are style touches. An onlon skin silk taffeta blouse and a brimmed hat of black silk molre taffeta are shown with it.

New Y.W.C.A. Centre

The Young Women's Christian Association has opened a new centre of work in Kowloon, under the joint auspices of the Hongkong and Canton Associations. Club rooms for members, classes for adults, mass education for industrial girls, and daily bandage and first aid supply work will make up the programme.

A house-warming in the new centre, at 571 Nathan Road, took place on Thursday afternoon, when several hundred members and friends gathered for the opening. Mrs. Wang Laming, of the Hongkong Board of Directors, expressed the appreciation of the association leaders for this added opportunity for the Y.W.C.A. Many Canton members had found homes in Kowloon, she said, and the many Kowloon members of the Hongkong Association now had a convenient centre for service activities, and educational work.

The President of the Canton Association, Mrs. Jade Wang Wu, presided at the installation service of the new general secretary, Mrs. Chien Yung Hui-wan. A ceremony of dedication was participated in by representatives of the various groups that make up the Y.W.C.A., each pledging her loyalty and support to the association.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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1—Release from bondage	2—Impressively beautiful	3—Writings obliterated	4—Wealthy point to earth in moon's orbit	5—Hard (French)	6—Middie	7—Weak mental equipment	8—Master in airform	9—One who	10—For sake of	11—Crimpled	12—Yes (dramatic)	13—Pleasant	14—Rug	15—Italian river	16—Showing signs of	17—Edward	18—Kind of rubber	19—Black part	20—Frothing vessel	21—Hoater	22—Native of Kurdistan	23—Romantic story in fiction	24—Cavern occupied by animals	25—Extraction from acting	26—Consequently	27—Favorable period of time	28—Calcium	29—Metal as found in nature	30—Pull of sorrow	31—Auditor	32—Feed of apple	33—Things which hinder cultivation	34—Drop into liquid suddenly	35—One who hunts with falcons	36—Orange-like fruits	37—Overly sarcastic	38—Implement used in basketry	39—Plural suffix	40—Unsettled report	41—Devoid of moisture	42—Theodore	43—Treaty out of	44—Stitched joint	45—Twenty-two sevenths	46—Fictitious	47—Treaty out of	48—Stitched joint	49—Twenty-two sevenths	50—Fictitious	51—Treaty out of	52—Stitched joint	53—Twenty-two sevenths	54—Fictitious	55—Treaty out of	56—Stitched joint	57—Twenty-two sevenths	58—Fictitious	59—Treaty out of	60—Stitched joint	61—Twenty-two sevenths	62—Fictitious	63—Treaty out of	64—Stitched joint	65—Twenty-two sevenths	66—Fictitious	67—Treaty out of	68—Stitched joint	69—Twenty-two sevenths	70—Fictitious	71—Treaty out of	72—Stitched joint	73—Twenty-two sevenths	74—Fictitious	75—Treaty out of	76—Stitched joint	77—Twenty-two sevenths	78—Fictitious	79—Treaty out of	80—Stitched joint	81—Twenty-two sevenths	82—Fictitious	83—Treaty out of	84—Stitched joint	85—Twenty-two sevenths	86—Fictitious	87—Treaty out of	88—Stitched joint	89—Twenty-two sevenths	90—Fictitious	91—Treaty out of	92—Stitched joint	93—Twenty-two sevenths	94—Fictitious	95—Treaty out of	96—Stitched joint	97—Twenty-two sevenths	98—Fictitious	99—Treaty out of	100—Stitched joint	101—Twenty-two sevenths	102—Fictitious	103—Treaty out of	104—Stitched joint	105—Twenty-two 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By Ernie Bushmiller

Glands Restored to Youthful Vigour In 24 Hours

Scientist Explains How New Discovery Makes Men Feel Years Younger



An eminent physician, with more than 20 years of experience, after long study and scientific experiment, has announced that the real secret of youth, vigour, energy, and health is to be found in the glands in your body, particularly in the sex glands.

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RIVALS

Ninotchka, Special Envoy from the Soviets to take over negotiations for the sale of the former Duchess Swana's jewels in Paris, meets Count Leon d'Algot, sweetheart and representative of the Duchess, without either knowing the other's identity.

They fall in love, but Ninotchka, learning Leon's identity, refuses to see him. He tricks her into a meeting in a workmen's restaurant.

NINOTCHKA

From The Novel By MELCHIOR LEMGYEL Adaptation By LEBBEUS MITCHELL



LEON, striding nervously about his living room, consulted his watch.

"You seem to be a bit nervous, sir," said Gaston, his valet, busy at the drink table.

"I am, Gaston."

"If you will forgive me, ever since you met that Bolshevik lady I've noticed a distinct change in you, sir. I was greatly amazed on returning from the market yesterday to find that you had made your bed."

"And I was happier all day long—I felt I had contributed something."

"Well, sir, if you should do it again, which I hope you won't, please remember the order. Counterpane, blanket, sheet, sheet. And it was with great amazement that I found a copy of Karl Marx's 'Capital' on your night table. That is a socialistic volume which I refuse so much as to dust, sir."

"Gaston, don't you realise the unfairness of your position? You being my servant? Don't you look forward to the day when you can come in here and stand square on your feet and share alike?"

"Emphatically not, sir! I don't resent your not paying me for the past two months, but the thought that I should share my bank account with you—that is really too much for me, sir."

AT that moment the door-bell rang and Gaston started to answer, but Leon waved him away. "Go to bed, little father, go to bed."

When the valet had disappeared, Leon opened the door, and there stood Ninotchka, timidly, in the new hat and a complete new outfit. It took him a moment to take in her new splendour, then he grasped her hand, kissed it, and led her into the living room.

"I don't look too foolish?" she asked.

"Why, Ninotchka, if I met that dress walking alone on the boulevard I'd say, 'Just a moment, you charming little dress, I want you to meet Ninotchka. You two were meant for each other.'"

He wanted to take her in his arms. She resisted saying, "It's only nine o'clock."

"That's when one-half of Paris says to the other half, 'What are your plans for the evening, Madame?'"

"Well, first, I should like to take off my hat and jacket. And could we have some music—just for us, not the radio."

"I'll play the Victoria, softly, because I have things to tell you which I can't shout."

He started a record, and seated himself on the arm of her chair. "Well, my darling..."

"In an outburst of emotion he took her in his arms and kissed her. 'You see, I couldn't shout that.'"

AFTER a silence, Leon, you know the jokes you told me. They're not funny, yet I wake up in the night and laugh when I think of them. And Buljanoff, and Kopalski and Iranoff—I know they're scoundrels, but I realise who made them like that, and I tear up my report to Moscow and go down and buy a silly hat. Am I too talkative?"

"No, darling. Go on."

"I want to tell you something which I thought I never would say, because I thought it doesn't exist. But it does, and—Leon..."

"I can't say it."

Their eyes met, and then their lips. And that said everything.

After another silence, she said: "Leon, I want to ask you something. If you don't want to answer, you needn't. But if you do, you must tell me the truth."

"I promise. I swear."

"Did you make any change in this room?"

"I don't think so."

"When I was here before there was a photograph of a woman in a wide silver frame. What happened to the portrait?"

For answer, he opened the drawer of a desk, and there reposed the portrait.

"The Duchess Swana," she said. "She is very attractive. She has great elegance. She's what you call a woman of the world, isn't she?"

"Ninotchka, I love you."

"I suppose she is very entertaining. It must be a lot of fun to be with so witty, so glamorous."

"Ninotchka, you're jealous!"

She nodded sadly, "Leon, don't ever ask me for a picture of myself. I couldn't bear the thought of being shut up in a drawer."

He took her in his arms, murmuring, "my darling!"

HE later took her to a smart night club and ordered champagne. "It's always good luck," he told her, "to launch something with champagne."

"I wouldn't know, Leon. The closest I ever came to champagne was in a newsreel—the wife of some president throwing it at a battleship. It's funny to look back at it. I was brought up on goat's milk, and I had a ration of vodka in the army, and now I have champagne."

"From goats to grapes!" he laughed gaily. "That's drinking in the right direction!"

She made a face at the first sip of the unaccustomed beverage. She took a second, then another, and gradually a smile appeared. "Um-m, it's good! From what I read I thought champagne was a strong drink. It's very delicate. Do people ever get drunk on this?"



"There have been cases, but the headache the next morning is worth while—if you drink it with the right toast. Ninotchka, to us!"

"Hello, Leon! What a surprise! You of all people! How are you, my dear?"

It was the Duchess Swana, with old General Savitsky as her partner.

Leon arose to greet them, and she continued: "Is this your new dress suit?"

"Yes, Swana."

"Didn't I tell you Benson & Henson were the tailors for you?"

"Yes, Swana, you did."

She forced an introduction, "am I interrupting?"

"Not at all. Your Highness, may I present Madame Yakushova?"

Ninotchka's greeting was as cool as that of the Duchess.

"I've some wonderful news for you, Leon? Do you mind if I sit down?"

"No, please do," he said, realising he couldn't help it.

"General," said Swana, "would you mind making my excuses at our table? I'll be back in a few minutes. Well, Leon, you can be proud of our Puncty. He had a triumph at the dog show. He won another blue ribbon and hit the judge."

She included Ninotchka: "You see, Count d'Algot gave me Puncty for my birthday. You must have searched weeks, Leon, before you found anything as divine as Puncty, didn't you?"

"Oh, months," said Leon, fed up with her tactics.

"Poor Madame Yakushova! Here we are talking in mysteries. I'm sure you wonder what it's all about."

"Not at all. Count d'Algot gave you a dog. You made it very clear."

"Dear me, I must be losing my ducasse. If I'm not careful I'll be understood by everybody."

Leon moved uncomfortably. "There's a charming crowd here tonight, isn't there?"

"I'm going, Leon," said Swana, rising to point another shaft. "But before I leave I must compliment you on your gown."

Madame Yakushova, is that what they're wearing in Moscow this year?"

"No, last year, Madame," replied Ninotchka coolly.

"Isn't amazing! One gets a wrong impression of the new Russian. It must be charming. I'm glad conditions are so improved. Assume this is what the factory girls wear at their dances?"

"Exactly. It would have been embarrassing to wear low cut gowns in the old Russia. The lashes of the Cosacks across our backs were not very becoming, and you know how vain women are."

"You're absolutely right about the Cosacks, smiled Swana. 'We made an unpardonable mistake when we let them use their knouts. They had such reliable guns.'"

"Will you do me a favour?" said Leon. "Stop talking about the good old days."

"A very wise suggestion, Leon. I'm afraid Madame and I will never agree. The only thing we have in common is our law suit, and I understand everything will be over by Thursday. Am I right?"

"You are right, Madame," said Ninotchka.

"It is unfortunate that you have so few more days in Paris, Madame Yakushova. Leon, be sure and double your efforts so that Madame can take pleasant memories when she returns to Moscow. Good night."

"Now," said Ninotchka, when the Duchess had gone, "I think I need a glass of champagne."

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FINNISH planes have "bombed" Russian aerodromes with handbills.

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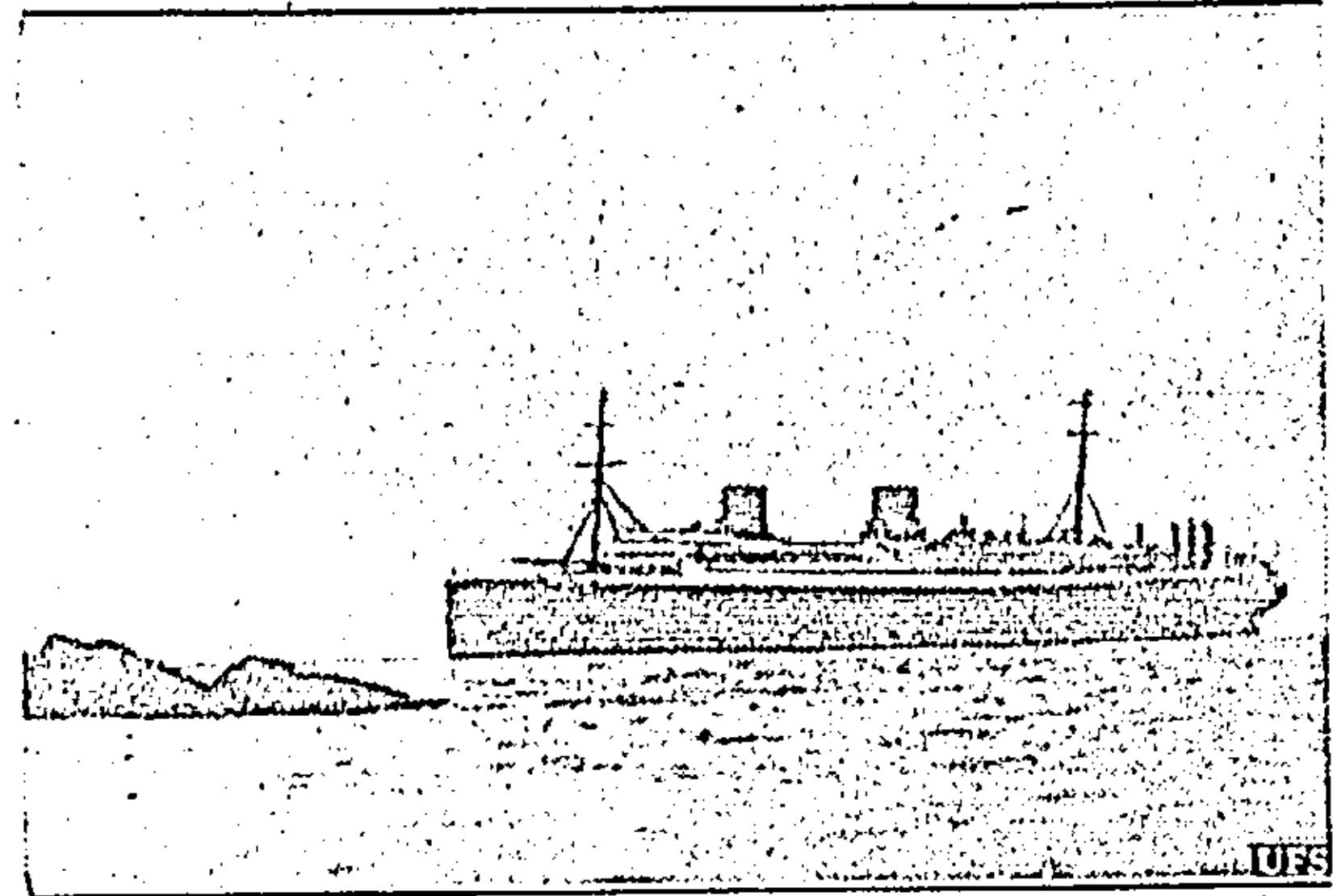
HELSINGFORS. IF you went up to the Finnish front line in the Karelian Isthmus, you would be quite likely to find the troops engaged in a most unwarlike occupation: carving on trees.

But it would not be their initials, that they would be cutting on the bark.

They would be carving a memorial to their fallen enemies.

There are scores of such simple memorials carved up in the frontier forests to-day, and the number is daily growing.

LINER THEY SCUTTLED



Chased by a British warship, the German luxury liner Columbus was scuttled by its crew 400 miles off Norfolk. Columbus is shown above at anchor in the harbour of Vera Cruz, Mexico, where she put in at outbreak of war. She was known to thousands of tourists.

AND HER SCUTTLED



Captain Daehne, who ordered the German luxury liner Columbus set afire at sea, when chased by a British battleship.

LATE NEWS

Hitler Has To Stop Exodus

AMSTERDAM. PROPAGANDA MINISTER GOEBBELS has had to impose a new gag on the much-fettered German Press.

He has ordered it at all costs to hush up the fact that the "homecoming" to the Reich of the Germans from the Baltic States has been temporarily suspended.

Nearly all German newspapers publish long articles from their special correspondents about this homecoming, as if it were still continuing merrily.

Some even print a report that before March 1, 1940, 100,000 Germans will have emigrated from Russia to Germany.

It is true enough that Hitler had agreed to admit these 100,000 to satisfy the Soviets, who regarded them as a disturbing element.

But the Fuehrer must face the fact that it is now quite impossible for him to carry out his promise.

Missing Booty First, he has no money to spare for the costs of the immigration.

His loot in Poland was smaller than he expected. The Polish Government got its gold reserve over the frontier, and the booty anticipated from the Polish Jews did not come up to hopes.

And the homecoming of the Baltic Germans was to have been financed with this Polish booty.

Of all the promises the Nazis had made to these emigrants, only one can now be fulfilled.

They can be given land in conquered Poland: there is enough of that.

But there is not the least hope of replacing for them the capital they had to leave behind in their Baltic homes.

Many of them, seeing no future ahead, have already committed suicide in despair.

B.E.F.—S.O.S. FOR OIL LAMPS

Mr. Burgin, the Minister of Supply, cannot supply the Army with the oil lamps it needs.

He has now asked the public to give him 24,000 lamps which are urgently needed to light Army huts.

One newspaper states: "If you have an oil lamp you are asked to hand it to the nearest military station or send it, carriage paid, to the Central Ordnance Depot, Didscot, Berks."

Carriage paid! Mr. Burgin, Minister of Supply, you might at least have supplied your benefactors with the postage stamp. If you run short of guns, we might be able to supply you, carriage paid, with the old blunderbuss that hangs in the hall or the primitive pistol grandfather carried in the Crimea.

An official of one of the largest oil lamp manufacturers in the country remarked: "Had we been warned last September that something like fifty times our usual annual output would be wanted, we could have arranged to make the lamps even in a few months."

You see the twisted remnants of a Soviet tank, a low mound in the snow-covered ground alongside, and on the tree the brief words: "Here lie three Russian soldiers."

Guns Sent For It is at the point where the River Vuoksi enters Lake Ladoga that this isthmus fighting has been fiercest.

Here, and to the south, the Russians are bringing up heavy artillery to batter themselves a way through.

But it is not so easy to bring up heavy guns through dense forest over ground strewn with boulders gauging in size from that of a foot-bull to that of an elephant.

Particularly when the Finnish Air Force is constantly harrying the Soviet supply columns.

Finland's artillery marksmanship is not to be sneezed at either. A recent official communique speaks of seven Soviet tanks being destroyed in the isthmus fighting.

The communique also spoke of a two-hour naval battle in which direct hits on Russian warships are believed to have been scored.

Strategically, the most interesting struggle at the moment is that ranging on the "fourth front," where the Russians are trying to break across the "waist of Finland" to the Baltic.

Victory Claim So far unconfirmed reports from this sector declare that the Finns have gained a big victory near the village of Suomussalmi.

The village was taken by the Russians recently. The Finns launched a violent counter-attack and caught a large Russian force in a trap.

Hundreds are said to have been taken prisoners.

Red Army communiques claim that the Russians continued to advance "on all fronts."

Soviet troops were stated to have occupied the town of Pitkanen, on the northern bank of Lake Ladoga, which is the railway terminus leading to Serdobol.

They Asked Garrison Of 5,000

FINLAND'S Government recently issued a White Book detailing the progress of the Soviet-Finnish negotiations, and outlining Russia's demands and Finland's attitude.

The full Soviet demands were thus published in Finland for the first time.

They were designed "to make possible the blocking of the Gulf of Finland by artillery from the Finnish and Estonian coasts, to prevent enemy warships or transports entering the Gulf of Finland."

The Russian demand for a 30-year lease of the Finnish port of Hangö has already been disclosed.

The White Book revealed that Moscow wanted to keep a garrison for the protection of the Hangö base, of one infantry regiment, two anti-aircraft batteries, three air force regiments, and one battalion of armoured cars.

The total "was not to exceed 5,000 men."

Finland counter-proposals included willingness to cede all the islands Russia wished for except Hogland, which Finland desired to discuss further.

But Finland would not hear of leasing Hangö, maintaining that this would be inconsistent with her policy of strict neutrality.

Later the Soviet proposed to buy Hangö outright, declaring that this would be in accordance with Finland's neutrality. Finland, however, refused.

And Russia asserted that the cessation of a naval base at Hangö was "an absolutely indispensable minimum for safe-guarding the defences of Leningrad."

Russia Draws Veil Over War MOSCOW.

MOSCOW radio has closed down without mentioning the war in Finland.

Even for the official war communique, there is little news of the fighting in the Press.

It is clear from the communique that any gains that may have been made are insignificant.

There is given, however, to the German denial that the Nazis are sending arms to Finland.

They headquarters at Leningrad denied that dum-dums, bullets or poison gas had been used against the Finns.

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Balkans To Stay Peaceful

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The following communique was issued at Belgrade to-day after the meeting of the Balkan Entente according to the Copenhagen wireless:

"The four members of the Entente, in an atmosphere of cordial co-operation, have agreed on the following points:

1.—Preservation of peace in the common interests of the member states;
2.—To continue the policy of excluding the war from their part of Europe;

3.—Maintain the closest co-operation between the states of the Entente;
4.—To establish friendly relations with neighbouring peoples;

5.—To intensify collaboration in commerce and transport between the member states;
6.—To prolong the Balkan Pact for another seven years;

7.—To maintain close contact between the Foreign Ministers of the member states until the next conference at Athens February 19, 1941."

Entente Wants Peace

BELGRADE, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—An encouraging speech was made at a banquet by M. Marovitch, Yugoslav Foreign Minister, to-day. He declared that the Balkan countries wanted to remain neutral providing their independence was respected.

He was happy to say that the attitude of Bulgaria and Hungary conformed with the peaceful policy of the Entente powers.
This justifiable hope for a happy future might be possible for the Balkan and Eastern Danubian nations, he continued.
He hoped that an economic collaboration might develop, as then PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

Hitler's Iron Cross Adorns Body Of Dead Pilot Washed Ashore

LONDON, FEB. 4 (REUTER).—REPORTS HAVE NOW BEEN RECEIVED OF ATTACKS ON SIX SHIPS DURING SATURDAY'S AIR RAIDS ON THE EAST COAST OF BRITAIN.

FIVE OF THE SHIPS WERE BRITISH. ONE WAS A BELGIAN VESSEL.

Reports have also been received that an unknown Swedish ship was bombed and machine-gunned somewhere in the North Sea but no definite details are yet available.

The British ships are the Kildale, Yewdale, Rose of England, Corland and Harley.

An S.O.S. was picked up from the Kildale, a 3,800 ton vessel, saying that the crew were taking to the boats.

Two East Coast life-boats were landed at a port on the East Coast. It is understood that six others are missing.

Collier Attacked

The Yewdale, an 800 ton Glasgow collier, was attacked by two German planes about a mile from the coast. Although the ship suffered little damage the Captain was killed at the wheel and three members of the crew were injured.

The Rose of England, a Grimsby trawler of 200 tons, was attacked in the same area. No one was hurt though the ship was machine-gunned.

The crew of the Harley, 400 tons, have been landed at an East Coast town.

The Corland, 3,400 tons, reached port safely.

The Belgian ship was a small vessel manned by a crew of ten. Six of them tried to get ashore on a raft and lifeboats are now looking for them. Four other members of the crew landed safely to-day.

One Ship Lost

The only ship known to be lost as a result of the raid was a small Norwegian vessel of 630 tons. Nevertheless to-day a Nazi High Command claimed that 14 ships had been sunk.

At least three Nazi bombers were shot down by British fighter planes and two others are not expected to reach home.

Brave Seamen

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Numerous instances of courage of seamen and fishermen were revealed following the Nazi air raids in the North Sea yesterday.

Two German aircraft bombed the Yewdale while machine-gun fire from the planes smashed the windows of the wheel-house, killing the skipper and three members of the crew.

Defying danger, a fishing craft went out and aided the Yewdale to reach port safely. Except for broken windows, the Yewdale showed little sign of her ordeal.

They Paid The Penalty

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The bodies of three German airmen, one of whom was wearing the Iron Cross, were washed ashore at Northumberland to-day.

They are believed to be the crew of the Heinkel bomber brought down off the mouth of the Tyne on Saturday.

A German float, fully inflated, was washed ashore south of Ormside in the Ormeau.

It is believed that the crew of the German aeroplane must have been drowned after taking to the raft.

The German Claim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—BERLIN, Feb. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that German planes sank nine merchant ships, one mine-sweeper and four patrol boats in the North Sea.

The announcement admitted that three planes had failed to return to their bases.

In the course of reconnaissance flights over the North Sea German air force units attacked British warships.

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45 DIE IN NEW QUAKE

ANKARA, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Forty-five were killed, scores badly injured and two villages completely destroyed in the earthquake of Erzindjan as the result of another earthquake.

Tremors have been felt daily since December 27, 1939, throughout Northern Anatolia, but more frequently and stronger in the past 48 hours.

The people are said to be in a state of terror.

TO RESIGN AS AMENDS

Saito Pays Penalty For Diet Speech

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—TOKYO, Feb. 3 (Domei).—Mr. Saito, whose statement in the Lower House on Friday regarding the war in China caused a serious political issue, has taken steps to leave the Minseitō Party, the largest group in the Lower House.

Mr. Kozumi and Mr. Tawara, elders of the party, after consultation with Mr. Machida, the President called on Mr. Takao Saito, and, in their personal capacity as friends, advised him to "fulfil his responsibility" as a Party man.

Complying with the advice, Mr. Saito later met President Machida and the leaders of the Party and, apologizing for his speech, offered withdrawal from the party.

Deciding Saito's Fate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—TOKYO, Feb. 3 (UP).—To-day's session of the House was delayed from 1 p.m. owing to a conference of all political parties, to decide whether Mr. Saito should be punished.

The House re-convened at 9 p.m. when the Speaker referred the case to the Punishment Committee.

In rebutting Saito's interpellation, the War Minister said that the China campaign was a Holy War because it aimed at the extermination of the "pro-Communist and anti-Japanese regime, thereby stabilising East Asia, Japan, he declared, had no intention of preying on lesser nations.

Political Circles Stirred

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—TOKYO, Feb. 3 (Domei).—Political circles are still showing considerable excitement.

Army authorities evince great resentment at Saito's speech, which, they claim, is "derogatory to the proposed objective of the current campaign."

Other Diet circles, including the reformist section of the Seiyukai and the Jiyokai Doshikai, are urging disciplinary measures against Mr. Saito.

Meanwhile, in compliance with the advice by the Speaker and the leaders of the Minseitō, Mr. Saito, who has already voluntarily cancelled part of his speech, will also make his excuses for his speech in the Lower House to-day.

Unusual significance thus attaches to to-day's general meeting of the Lower House, at which Japan's attitude in China will be clarified.

WITH THE R.A.F.

WEATHER IS CHIEF TOPIC

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Charles Gardner, the B.B.C. observer with the R.A.F. in France, in a review of the activities of last week, said that the weather was, of course, the chief topic.

They had frost and snow and then frost again. The second frost caused a traffic hold-up and there was a collection of cars at the foot of hills.

Which one looked out of one's window, one saw scenes reminiscent of slapstick comedy, he said. Half the people were falling down. Even important seven star French generals were not immune. The beauty of being a seven star French general is that one can fall down at the very feet of a Guard of Honour and no one dare laugh—at least not at the time.

Attack By Bomber

One of the highlights of the week was the attack by a Nazi bomber on a land patrol. The bomber came down to 25 feet and used its machine-guns. It did no damage.

This attack caused quite a lot of excitement as some thought it might herald the beginning of "total warfare."

"If the Germans do start that game, commented Mr. Gardner, there will be plenty of surprises for them."

The most remarkable feature of the war so far, at least where the Allies are concerned, he said, has been the care taken not to bomb or ground-straft land targets.

Such activity last September might have been to Germany's advantage. But it is most likely that the Germans did not indulge in it for fear of reprisal.

"Human" C.H.Q.

One of the leading items of news during the week, he continued, was the postponement of leave for the second time due to what was called "the flap"—transport troubles caused by weather conditions.

This second postponement, however, showed up Headquarters in a human light. One man was going home to be married, the wedding being fixed for Thursday. He already had had to postpone his wedding twice before—once when War began and the second time when leave was postponed.

Three times, he thought, was a bit steep, said Mr. Gardner. So did Headquarters. They sent him home by plane, a privilege usually reserved for higher officials. The wedding was held.

Arrangement Said To Be Reached

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—White Shanghai Municipal Council officials still refuse to break their silence regarding the outside roads question, Fu Shao-en, the Japanese sponsored "Mayor" of Greater Shanghai, told reporters yesterday that "an arrangement" had been reached.

Fu refused to enter into the details alleged to be arranged, but stated that all would be published "in a few days."



SNOW-THATCHED VILLAS in this small Finnish village burn fiercely after Red bombers pass overhead—one of many similar scenes in Finland to-day. Photo. radioed to New York and thence by Clipper to Hongkong.—Domei Photo.

RED PRESS FEATURES DEFEATS

MOSCOW, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—News of the Finnish war, which for some time has been confined to a few lines, is now being prominently featured in the Soviet Press.

Newspapers publish long details of Soviet defeats with extracts from Scandinavian newspapers and speeches by prominent Finns.

Observers are wondering whether this development presages a new Russian attack.

COLD WAVE IN EUROPE

Acute Misery In German Capital

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BERLIN, Feb. 4 (UP).—Berlin is suffering its worst cold wave in twelve years, and the populace is suffering intensely as a result.

In addition to disruption of transportation systems, the bitter cold is causing heavy shortages of foodstuffs, especially vegetables.

The shortage of coal is described as "drastic."

It is estimated that nearly 1,500 apartment houses are without heating facilities in Berlin alone.

Private houses have been apportioned only 300lbs of coal for February.

Britain's Fuel Shortage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—The bitterly cold weather which swept the British Isles last week has resulted in a temporary fuel shortage.

Special measures are being taken in Glasgow, Birmingham and Manchester to relieve the shortage.

Householders formed long queues in Birmingham as they awaited delivery of coal.

Citizens of Glasgow are being permitted to cut trees in the public parks.

STILL NO FOOD IN TIENTSIN

TIENTSIN, Feb. 5 (UP).—Despite assurances that five truckloads of foodstuffs were to be permitted to enter the British Concession daily, no food has yet arrived.

Many Britons are also complaining that they have been held up by Japanese sentries in the cold weather for periods ranging up to two hours.

Reds Menace Finn Defences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5 (UP).—Despatches from correspondents of Sunday evening newspapers here indicate that the Russians are now threatening Finland's vital communications paralleling the Gulf of Bothnia.

These communications, roads and railways, not only link southern Finland with the north but also provide the only through communication between Finland and Sweden.

What at first glance seemed to be a chaotic Russian operation on several fronts had now resolved itself into a major offensive, in which the Red Army appears to be striving with all its possible resources to pinch off the eastern railway.

The Russian High Command now apparently intends to reach the Gulf of Bothnia by a drive in a north-westerly direction instead of, as previously, attempting to cut through the highly-defended "waist line."

Before the war, the Eastern Railway linked Leningrad with the Gulf of Bothnia, via the western shore of Lake Ladoga, Joensuu, Nurmes and Toivola.

The spearhead of the new Russian offensive in the Karelian Isthmus is tending to follow the railway.

"Steam-Roller" Drives

Repeated "steam roller" drives north of Lake Ladoga have resulted in the Finns giving ground before the tremendous pressure, and the Russians in this sector have nearly reached the important railway city of Kiteala.

Further north, where Finns and Russians are locked in a bitter campaign.

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Shanghai XV Probables

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5 (UP).—

It is expected that there will be three changes in the Probables side which was chosen for the trial. Wallace is expected to be taken from the wing three-quarter position and will be replaced by Thomas, who in turn will be replaced by A. P. D. Kennedy, at centre three.

The Hongkong team is expected on Tuesday on board the steamer Esang. The Shanghai XV will probably be:

W. N. Dickson; L. V. M. Martin; A. P. D. Kennedy; S. M. Tibbels; A. Thomas; L. F. Aucott; and R. Dickinson; R. A. O. Mayne; R. U. Reynolds; and A. Gamble; W. D. Pearson; and M. O. Liddell; P. B. Taylor; C. F. Fow and J. D. Bayle.

NEW SHIP EACH DAY

Britain's Answer To Murder Warfare

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 4 (UP).—Nearly 400 new steamers—approximately one for each day of the year—will be launched from British shipyards during the next twelve months.

This will be one of the major features of the requisitioning of shipyards by the British Government.

It is Britain's answer to Germany's "piracy" campaign.

The building of one ship a day by no means represents the ultimate in the capacity of British shipyards. If desired, British yards can build up to 600 new ships per annum—giving the Merchant Marine service a staggering tonnage that would exceed the total tonnages of most other nations of the world.

Plans have already been prepared for constructing this number of ships after 1940 if it is thought necessary.

Shipyards have already been instructed to concentrate entirely on building as many ships as possible of the types in which they specialise.

PASSENGERS TELL OF N. Y. K. LINER INCIDENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 5 (Domei).—The story of the stopping of N. Y. K. liner Tatuta Maru by an unknown warship was told by passengers when the ship arrived at Yokohama to-day.

Mr. Jack Helfander, of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, said: "We were one night out from San Francisco when we were stopped."

"It seemed to me that the ship was either a Canadian or an Australian destroyer."

Capt. S. Ito, Master of the Tatuta Maru, said: "My belief is that the ship violated International Law. It refused to disclose its name and was sailing without lights."

Five Germans aboard the Tatuta Maru when she was stopped. One, Dr. Ludwig Dredel, disembarked at Honolulu with kidney trouble.

The Tatuta Maru was 170 miles out from San Francisco when the incident occurred at 10.40 p.m.

Capt. Ito said: "She signalled us by Morse. I ordered the engines stalling without lights."

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POST OFFICE

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

On Thursday, the 8th February, the General Post Office and all Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no collection from the Pillar boxes and no delivery by Postmen.

On Friday, the 9th February, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Lung Lo will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays. Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Amoy Feb. 5.
Australia and Manila Feb. 5.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai Vancouver B.C. date, 11th January.
Formosa and Swatow Feb. 5.
Haiphong Feb. 5.
Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 5.
Bangkok and Saigon Feb. 6.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 6.
Shanghai Feb. 6.
Straits Feb. 6.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 31st January.
Feb. 7.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 7.
Saigon Feb. 7.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th January.
Feb. 8.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th January.
Feb. 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 24th January.
Feb. 9.
Europe via Suva and Straits (London date, 15th December 1939).
Feb. 9.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 9.

OUTWARD MAILS

Monday, Feb. 5
Japan 3.30 p.m.
Manila 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Manila 4.30 p.m.
Saigon 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 6
Manila 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hothow 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.
Manila 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 14th February.
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 6, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 6, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 12th Feb.
K.P.O.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7
Batavia and Sourabaya 9.30 a.m.
Straits 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 1.30 p.m.
Swatow 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 24th Feb.
K.P.O.
Parcels 4 p.m.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels 4 p.m.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 15th February.
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 7, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 7, 7.00 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE

HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY

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A. R. PURVES,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1940.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Chuk Un, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

Railway Bombing

WIFE OF FRENCH OFFICIAL KILLED

KUNMING, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Rescue and identification work connected with Thursday's raid by Japanese planes on the railway between Haiphong and Kunming is more complicated than ever following Saturday's raid.

The fact that the passenger car in which all Thursday's damage was done is completely destroyed has added to the difficulty of the officials who rushed to the scene.

The only casualty names so far divulged are those of Madame David, wife of a French District Inspector connected with the Railway, and her child.

M. David is at present in Chungking.

Train Runs Into A Landslide

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—One woman was killed and several other passengers were injured when a L.M.S. train from Northampton to London ran into a landslide near Watford.

Five landlides have been reported on the Southern Railway during the past 24 hours.

FOUGHT U-BOAT THROUGH NIGHT KING HONOURS SAILORS

THE CAPTAINS of two British ships tackled by U-boats have been awarded the O.B.E., and two seamen the medal of the Order.

Captain Sydney E. Batson—Master of the Heronpool (owned by Sir R. Roper and Co., West Hartlepool).
John G. Pearson—Gunlayer of the same ship.

An Explosion

Towards sunset Heronpool saw a U-boat shelling a tanker six miles away. The captain at once altered course and closed up his gun's crew. Night fell; there was no moon. About 8.30 the U-boat signalled to her, and came into view. Heronpool fired two shots and the U-boat dived. Course was altered again.

The enemy reappeared about 11, and after two more shots were fired again submerged.

Near midnight there was a loud explosion close on the starboard beam. The U-boat was dodging and four more shots were fired.

About one o'clock Heronpool was finally overhauled after a stern chase of seven hours and torpedoed.

Last To Leave

Among the last three to leave the ship were the captain and the gunlayer, who had bravely fought their ship through half the night to save her and sink the enemy.

Captain William H. Harland—Master of the Rockpool (owned by the same firm).
Thomas Watkins—Gunlayer of the same ship.

A U-boat suddenly appeared about one and a half miles away and fired two shots.

The captain at once altered helm to bring the U-boat astern and his guns into action.

He fired 13 rounds, which fell so close that the enemy was drenched with spray.

Not Hit

The U-boat fired 20 rounds and Rockpool was straddled, but not hit. She shook off the enemy by zig-zagging behind a screen of smoke floats.

The crew showed great coolness under fire, and the captain handled his ship in a seamanlike manner.

The U-boat, which he was the first to sight, was later destroyed by the Navy.

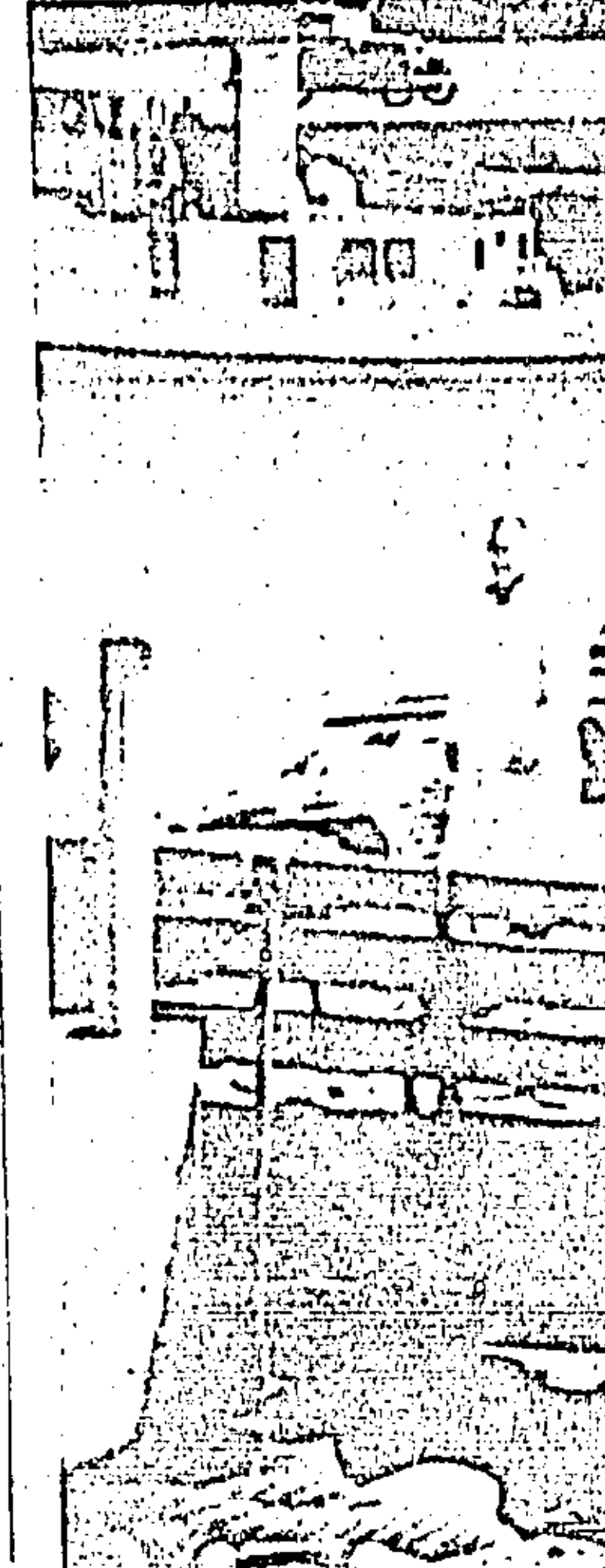
NAZIS DEFY LAWS OF SEA

U-BOATS are now operating within the three-mile limit of neutral countries.

A Greek ship and two British merchantmen have been sunk within the three-mile limit of the Norwegian coast.

A fourth vessel it is believed, has also been sunk in territorial waters.

An inquiry is being held by the Norwegian Government into these sinkings in flagrant defiance of the rights of neutral states.



THIS GRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPH shows the coffin containing the Admiral Graf Spee's dead coming ashore for funeral in Montevideo.

The funeral was attended by British Mariners who had been interned aboard the German Raider after their ships had been sunk. Shortly afterwards, the Admiral Graf Spee steamed out of Montevideo harbour and was scuttled.

I.R.A. Man Betrayed By False Teeth

FATHER AND SON JAILED AS BOMBERS

Wore Shamrock In Court

A 23-YEAR-OLD Irishman, William Bradley, was said at Birmingham assizes to have been identified because a set of teeth found in the street fitted him.

With Stanley Joseph Rice, aged 27, he was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude for conspiring to cause an explosion. Patrick M'Brine, aged 57, Rice's father, was sentenced to 15 years.

All three wore shamrock sprigs in their buttonholes and refused to plead.

Mr. Richard O'Sullivan, K.C., prosecuting, said after letter-box fires in Birmingham a letter containing explosive material was found in the street, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty in the handwriting of M'Brine.

Hands Burned

Then something exploded in Bradley's pocket, and he and Rice ran away. At Rice's lodgings more explosive material was found.

A set of false teeth picked up in the street were found to fit Bradley, who was found sitting in a Holyhead train with one of his hands badly burned.

Rice and Bradley were found guilty of possessing explosives, causing an explosion, and conspiracy to cause an explosion, and M'Brine guilty of conspiracy and not guilty of the other two charges.

Inspector Mackenzie said that M'Brine had been a member of the I.R.A. for many years, and in 1920 was responsible for serious crimes in Northern Ireland. He was interned for two years and released when he entered into a recognisance.

Brothers Expelled

Bradley was one of a well-known family of I.R.A. members. Two of his brothers had been expelled from Birmingham, and he came to take their place.

Rice had been under the influence of his father, who, there was no doubt, had taken a very active part in outrages in Birmingham.

His handwriting had been identified on many envelopes containing incendiary bombs which had been posted in Birmingham, and some of which had exploded as far away as London, Northampton and Manchester.

THE "ASAMA MARU" AND BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

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enemy persons, are illustrative of such instances.

HOWEVER, since the middle of the 19th century, and especially after the case of the "Trent" (1861), the duties of neutrals have become less irksome, and the penalties not so harsh, as it used to be during the period around the Napoleonic Wars. And by 1909, when the Declaration of London was drawn up, the relations between neutrals and belligerents, as far as rights and duties were concerned, became fairly well defined. Take, for example, such vague phrase like "noxious persons," which had often been used previously in connection with unneutral service, for persons whom a belligerent claimed to have the right to make prisoners of war, finds no place in this international naval convention. Articles 45 to 47 of the unratified Declaration of London clearly laid down the rules regarding unneutral service and the penalties therefor. The article, which both contestants in the "Asama Maru" case might have referred to, concerning the carriage of military persons on neutral ships, says: "Any individual embarking on a neutral ship, or on board a neutral merchant vessel, may be made prisoner of war, even though there be no ground for the capture of the vessel (Art. 47)."

"Although here the duty to abstain from carrying enemy military persons is not expressly imposed on a neutral, it gives the belligerent the right to remove such persons from the neutral ship, irrespective of the fact whether or not such ship is condemnable. It has thus replaced the views and practices prevalent in former days that the enemy persons on board a neutral ship should not be made prisoners of war, unless the ship was brought in for adjudication or condemned (See the "Trent" case)."

DESPITE the fact that the Declaration of London still remains unratified, and that its application had been denounced by Great Britain on July 7, 1910, during the last war, it has embodied in a single code the best guiding principles concerning naval warfare rules. In existence.

Powers participating in the drawing up of these rules that "they should correspond in substance with the generally recognised principles of international law."

The question seems to be what interpretation both Japan and Great Britain might give to the rules in the Declaration, supposing that they would rely more or less on these rules for the settlement of the case under review. I shall have occasion to refer to the interpretations which Great Britain gave to these rules, and the cases decided during the last war, when the question of belligerent rights vis-a-vis the "Asama Maru" incident is discussed in another article.

Goering's Hopes As New Fuehrer

By WILLI FRISCHAUER

DOES GOERING think he would be acceptable to the Allies as an alternative to Hitler?

Well-informed neutral diplomats believe that he is under this impression and is acting accordingly.

They say that Goering is convinced he has a chance where Hitler failed—to secure peace for Germany in the near future and save his country from inevitable economic catastrophe.

That, they declare, accounts for the repeated warnings in the newspapers controlled by him that the blockade is confronting Germany with a serious problem and that the country is feeling the pinch already.

These admissions are in sharp contrast to the "everything in the larder's lovely" boasts of the official Nazi "Voelkischer Beobachter."

According to reliable information Goering has been suffering from this "Crown-Prince" complex ever since Hitler nominated him as successor in the leadership of Germany.

In Schorffelde, Goering's country estate, a Nazi shadow Government is functioning. Goering holds court there surrounded by a few generals and industrial leaders.

Whatever their plans, they must be distasteful to Hitler who is said to regret the announcement of his dramatic political testament at the outbreak of the war.

He cannot play off Goering against Hess and both of them against Hitler any longer.

And he cannot drop his successor.

"ENEMIES in your rear." With this warning the "Voelkischer Beobachter" continues a hate campaign against British prisoners of war in Germany which was launched with an official edition against them. Its half-page article betrays a fear of prisoners such as is never admitted towards the British or French soldier in the field.

During the last war, the article claims, 107,000 prisoners managed to escape from Germany.

And those who did not escape sent information to France and Britain under stamps of their censored letters and smuggled out newspaper cuttings with "a wealth of information."

They even hid secret codes in nuts.

"Nuts to the Nazis" is the only reply one can give.



KRUPP'S GROW RICHES

The "enormous profits" of the Krupp armament works in the last four years were described in the latest broadcast by the "German Freedom" station.

"Hitler, Goering and Goebbels told you," the announcer stated, "that there are no war profiteers because all the Jews are in prison."

"But the German Freedom Station learns that there was an uproar in the War Ministry because two major refused to pay the latest bill for £50,000 to the firm of Friedrich Krupp. They threatened to deal with Krupp for extortion."

"Hitler's rearmament and his war has made Krupp into the richest man in Germany."

"In 1934 he had £14,750,000 in savings; in 1935 he had more than £19,340,000; in 1936, £23,500,000; in 1937, £26,340,000; and in 1938, £28,500,000. He is the biggest war profiteer in Germany."

In a broadcast to Austria, the announcer said:

"The women of Austria are disgusted with the Nazi regime. They are not inactive. They grumble in the market places and express themselves freely. In one province of Austria this broke into open revolt."

"The women of Austria cried: Throw out the Nazis from Austria, and the police received orders to intervene."

"When they arrived they saw poor, starving, emaciated women. They said to them, 'We think as you do, but we have orders to shoot, and they shot into the air.'"

The Stockholm correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" declares that Goebbels, German Minister of Propaganda, is now interested in a "sanatorium" at the German Ministry of Information.

He adds that the following are some of the reasons for his disapproval: Goebbels's newspaper "Angriff" has a branch office at Zurich, and a Swiss employee went to Germany conveying 2,700 letters, most of them addressed in different handwriting, and posted them in various parts of Germany.

In the meantime, an advertisement had been inserted in "Angriff," and when he returned to Zurich he had the 2,700 letters and also 68 genuine replies to the advertisement.

Each of the 2,700 letters contained German banknotes totalling in all £410,700. The genuine replies were thrown away.

Body In Well: A Boy Charged

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy, charged with murder, was stated to have admitted striking another boy on the head with a bottle and pushing him into a well.

Derick James Saunders, aged seven, failed to return to his home, High View, Standon-road, Blackmore, Essex.

Det-Sergt. Jevons, giving evidence at Ongar Police Court, said that Derick's body had been found a few hours previously.

It was in a well on Panlow Hall Farm, near the boy's home.

Later, he said, he visited the accused youth who, after being cautioned, admitted striking the boy on the head with a bottle, and pushing him into the well.

On this evidence Superintendent Ruggles asked for a remand in custody, which was granted.

Wife-killer to face the firing squad

A MILITARY COURT sitting in Paris has sentenced Maurice Ebra, a woodworker, to die before a firing squad for the torture and murder of his wife.

"GOLD-DIGGING," SAYS COUNSEL

COUNSEL argued in the Divorce Court in London recently that a young woman "married a rich old man to get a financial hold on him."

Mrs. Joan Ivy Carlisle Nash, wearing women's Auxiliary Air Force uniform, petitioned for a decree of nullity on the grounds of non-consummation, to Mr. Arthur Peel Nash, a solicitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash, aged 73 and 34 respectively, were married last January and lived at Portmansquare, W.

In a local argument Mr. Hillard, for Mr. Nash, said the wife agreed that at the date of the engagement she had little affection for him.

Mr. Justice Langton: You are saying that Mrs. Nash had no sincerity—that she never really meant to go through with this except to get herself in a position of commercial advantage?

Mr. Hillard: Yes. Pointing out that Mrs. Nash had said that she wanted children, the judge said:

"The lady, you are describing—a stony-hearted 'gold-digger'—would not want children. They would be a terrible nuisance to her."

Mr. Hillard said there was an arrangement that Mrs. Nash should continue to work as her husband's secretary after the wedding, and she must have known that the marriage was a mundane, materialistic bargain.

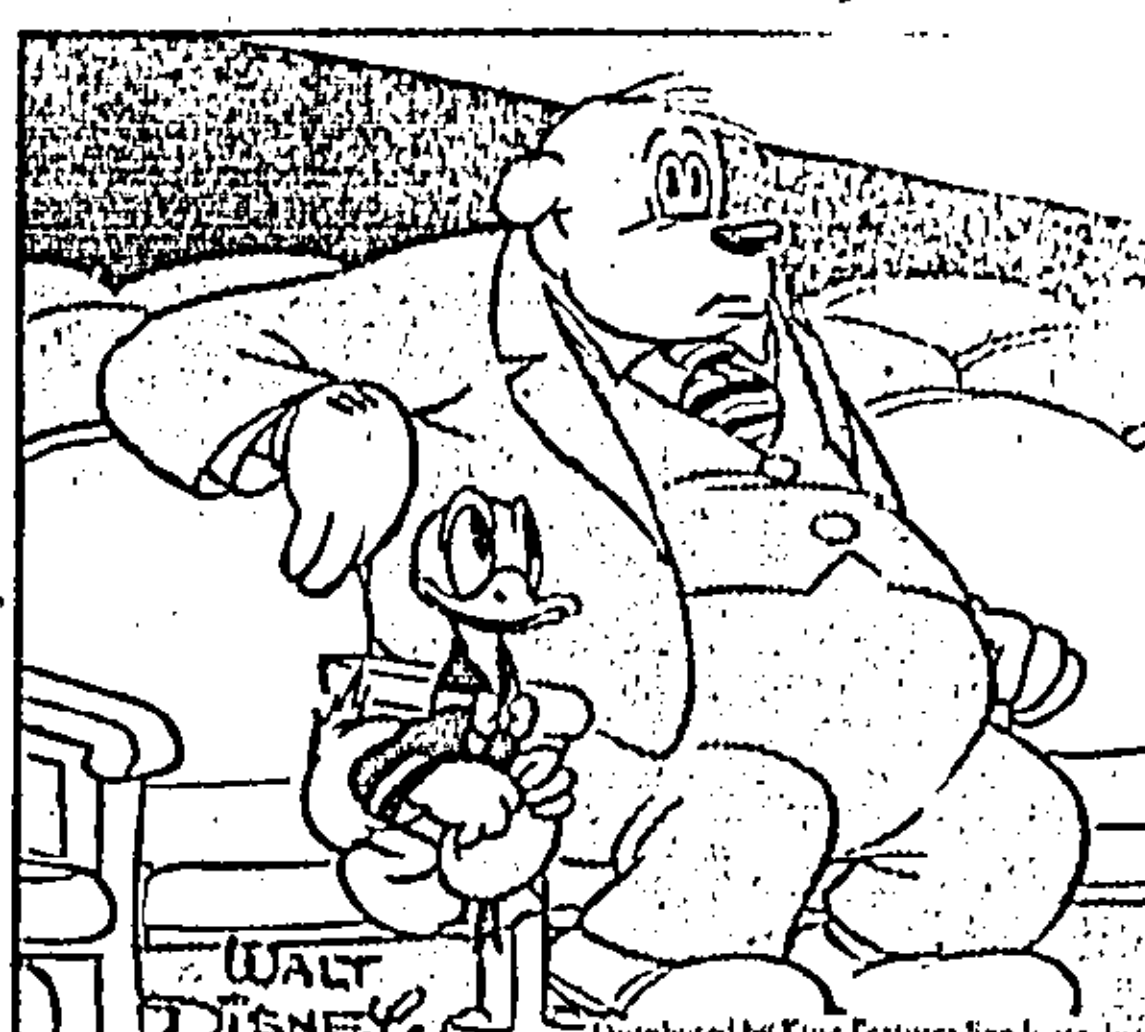
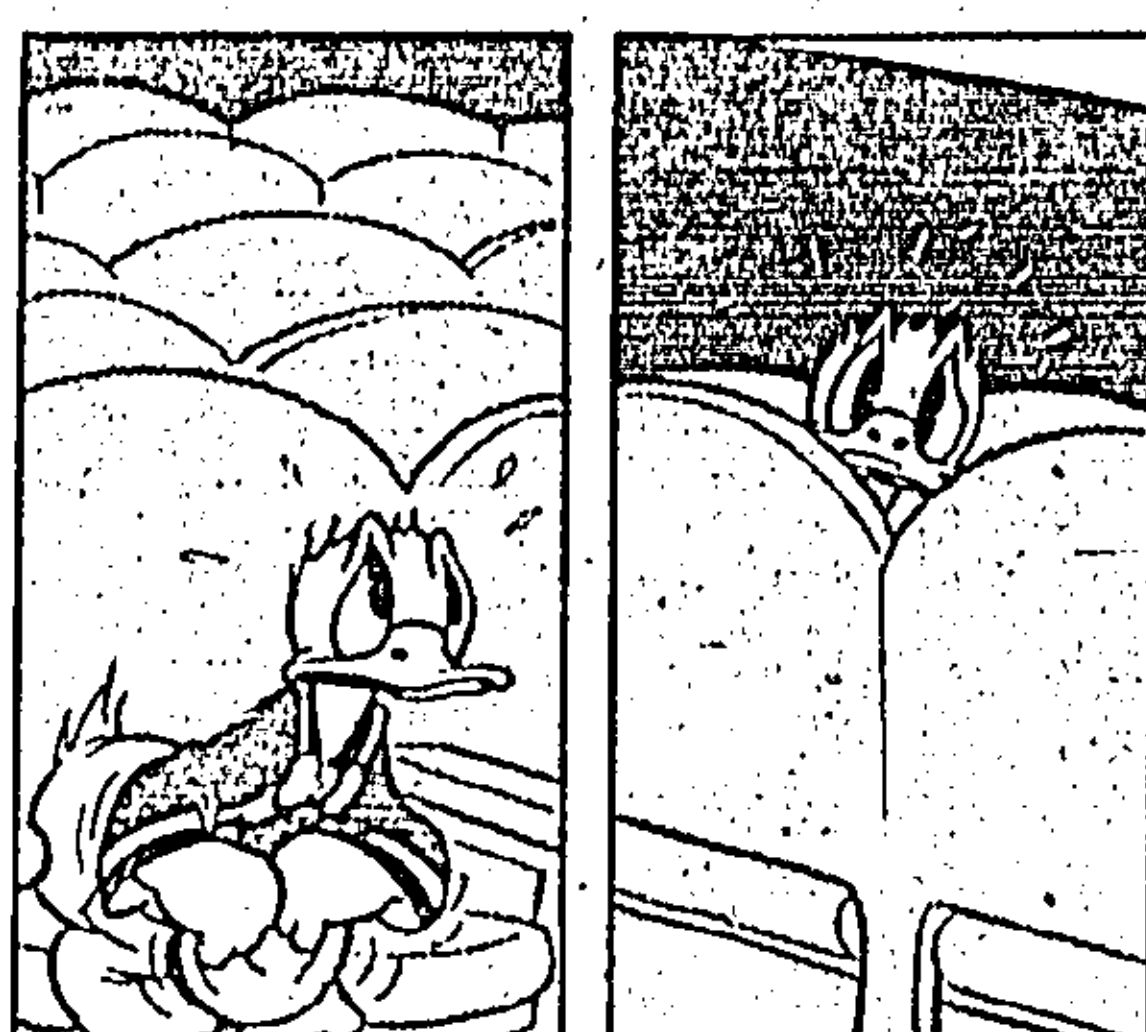
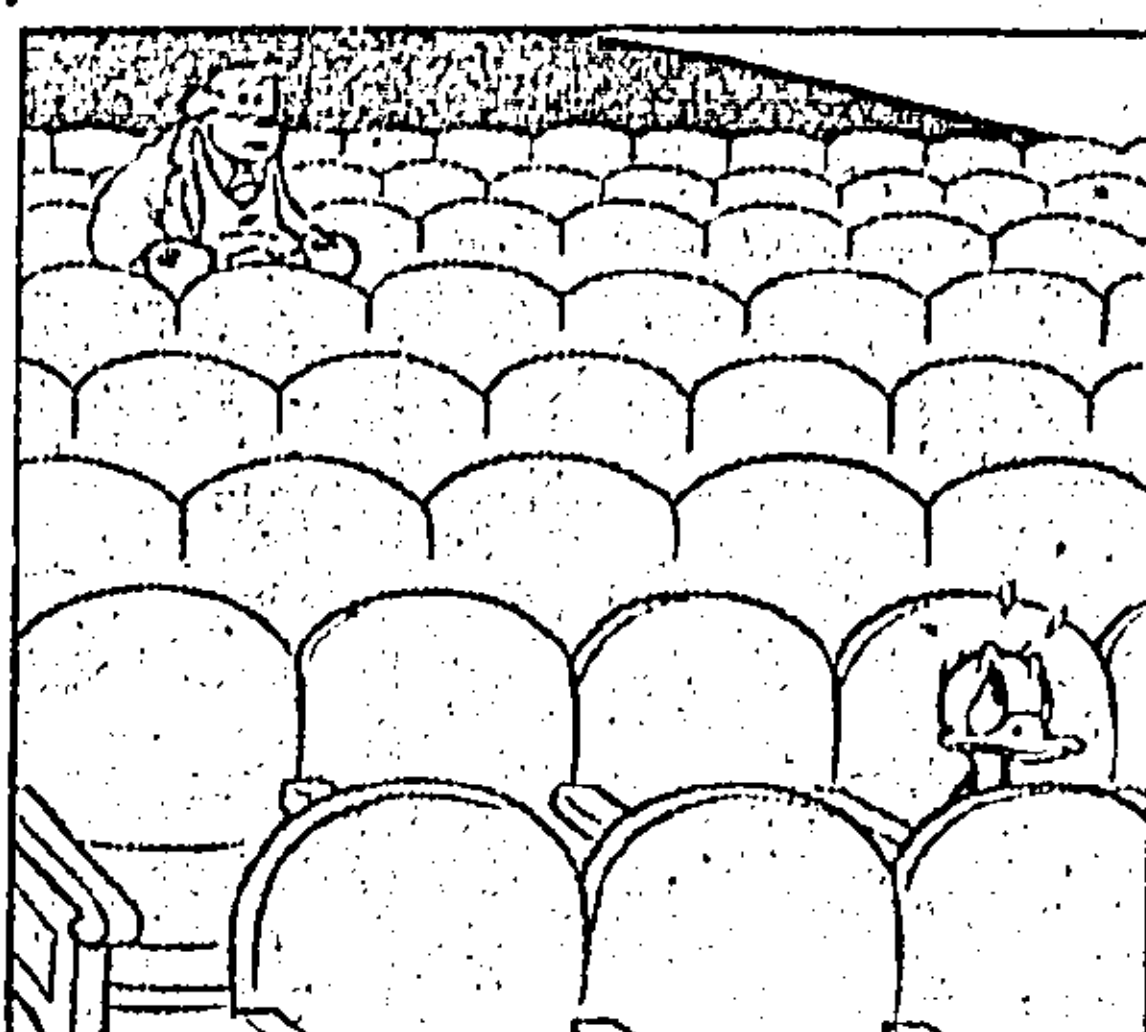
Mr. Justice Langton said the trouble about counsel's "gold-digger" theory was that Mrs. Nash did not seem to have tried to get money.

Even her attempt to get a settlement made on her was a half-hearted affair.

Judgment was reserved.

PARIS, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—To-day's communique states that early this morning a sharp encounter with an enemy reconnoitring party turned out to our advantage.

DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

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To Get Warders Into Trouble—

DARTMOOR MEN PUT CEMENT IN PIGS' FOOD

CONVICTS sent out on farm work at Dartmoor mixed cement with pigfeed in the hope of getting their warders into trouble.

Fleeing From War's Hum



FIFTY these bees. They are three of thousands evacuated from French farms and gardens in front of the Maginot Line. They're all dressed up with nowhere to go.

The French Bee-keepers' Association has come to their rescue by appealing to all Frenchmen with hives to spare to give them a home "for the duration."

SOLICITOR DOES SCRUBBING

(He's In The Army Now)

A SOLICITOR now in the Army is engaged in scrubbing floors.

This was alleged at Cardiff City Council meeting.

It that were the extent of his military value, some councillors contended, it would be better if he returned to civil work.

The Town Clerk recommended that the Council should apply for the release of two of the ten members of his staff serving with the Forces because of difficulty in finding substitutes.

It was decided that the employing committee should recommend which of their employees they desired should be released.

Nuffield Gives Another 1,500,000

(cigarettes)

LORD NUFFIELD has bought 1,500,000 Woodbines for men in the Army and Air Force in France and in the Navy.

"Confusion All The Time On Thetis"

THE fundamental cause of the loss of the Thetis was the evil of divided and ill-defined responsibility, from the building of the submarine to the failure to save her in time to save the lives of the men."

Mr. Reginald Paget, counsel for the relatives of one of the lost men, made this allegation when the inquiry into the sinking of the submarine was resumed in London.

He suggested that there was the greatest confusion as to whose job it was to operate the bow caps.

Declaring that the strongest criticism of all should be made in regard to the rescue operations, Mr. Paget added:

"If one had had a single authority capable of receiving a message and then of taking charge of the salvage and rescue operations, one would feel that both the search and assembly of salvage materials would have begun much earlier."

Mr. D. McIntyre (for the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the

This is one of many similar acts reported from the prison. A section of the prisoners—the majority are well-behaved—is doing its utmost to make the lives of the warders intolerable.

Succeeding

They appear to be succeeding. The convicts often complain to senior officials about individual warders against whom they harbour a grudge.

Just over a week ago one man who had been supplied with bread said to a warder, "Serve it in a proper manner!"

He promptly lodged a complaint with a chief warder that his bread had been thrown at him.

Once it was usual for Dartmoor convicts to address warders as "Sir," or "Guv'nor."

"Now we almost have to 'Sir' the convicts before they will do anything," a warder told the "Daily Herald" reporter.

Too Easy

Many warders have been drafted to Princetown from Wormwood Scrubs, Maidstone, and other big prisons since the war began. They are far from happy.

They prefer the sterner discipline of a town prison, which they claim is more severe than that of a modern penal establishment. Conditions of the convicts at Dartmoor are very much better than they were a few years ago. There are more concessions.

These are appreciated by the "old lags," but men recently transferred from London jails are trying to take advantage of them.

Woman who Adopts "Sweepers"

MRS. K. N. L. SCOTT, of Lower-road, Higher Denham, has received the Admiralty's permission to "adopt" a minesweeper.

She and her friends are regularly sending comforts to the crew. "I adopted a minesweeper in the last war and asked to be allowed to do so again," Mrs. Scott said. "At first I was turned down, but eventually they gave me permission. "But I can't mention the name of the minesweeper."

Electrical Trades Union) outlined a theory that the bow cap lever was moved by Leading Seaman Hambrook.

He suggested that Hambrook moved it quite voluntarily without realising what he was doing.

There was evidence that a great number of the men who were sent down in the ship had had no medical examination, and no training in the Davis escape apparatus.

The inquiry was adjourned.

Robbed Of £1,000 Gems On Train

Mrs. Gerahick, of Gardner-street, Brighton, has been robbed of £1,000 worth of jewellery while travelling on a London-Brighton train.

The jewels were in her handbag, which was stolen from the carriage when she left it for a moment.

A reward of £100 is offered to anyone who can supply a clue.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Come, come, Quince! This is a love scene and you're playing it like a married man!"

MINE VICTIM No. 1

Survivor Of Simon Bolivar Jailed

A MAN who was rescued from the Dutch steamer Simon Bolivar, mined off the East Coast, was sentenced at the Guildhall recently on a charge under the Aliens Order.

He was Alfred Auer, aged 32, believed to be of Hungarian nationality.

When the case was before the court evidence was given in public, but later proceedings were taken in camera.

It was afterwards officially stated that Auer had been found guilty and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Auer was charged with having, while taking refuge in this country, given false information concerning himself.

Norwegian Passport

When he first appeared in court it was stated that he was taken after rescue to the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.

There he gave information about himself which was now alleged to be untrue.

It appeared that he was in possession of a passport of a Norwegian lawyer whose name he gave.

He was alleged to have said when charged, "I did not come by myself to England. I was picked up by a British destroyer and brought here."

Court Cleared

Mr. Vincent Evans, who appeared on behalf of the Public Prosecutor, applied for the case to be heard in camera.

No reason for this course was given in court. The magistrate, Alderman Sir Howard Button, raised no objection and the court was cleared.

Mine Victims No. 2 & 3

Reunited In Hospital

TWO other survivors from the Simon Bolivar—Mr. and Mrs. L. Knevel, of Amsterdam—have been reunited at an Ipswich hospital.

Mr. Knevel had been a patient there since the disaster, when he was rescued unconscious with a fractured skull.

His wife was taken to hospital at Colchester and have since been released.

Grief was mingled with their joy for across the street in Ipswich cemetery was the grave of Anna, their

U-BOATS OFFER "MERCY" —AT A PRICE

AMSTERDAM.

Intensely submarine warfare against all ships carrying contraband goods—but instructions have been given to the neutral countries that completely contraband previous orders.

The Nazis now say that they will not torpedo any ship without giving it previous warning. A week or two ago they were saying exactly the opposite.

They say German warships will make arrangements to take into safe custody members of the crews of neutral ships if they are torpedoed.

Germany has not done this up to now.

They say too that the only time when a ship will be torpedoed at once is if it sends out an S O S after being called upon to stop, or if it attempts to escape from a German ship.

Germany is believed to be hurrying forward U-boat production although it does not reach anything like the figure she has claimed—one submarine a day.

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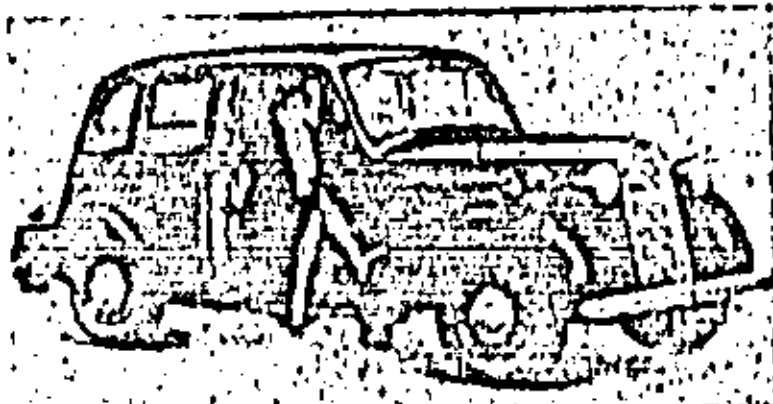
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The R.A.F.

It has often been argued that the capacity of modern aircraft must render our sea-borne supplies precarious. The experience of the first months of war is all against such theories. Coastal air patrols by their action against enemy submarines have proved a formidable increase of our power to command the sea. They are so dreaded that their mere presence, prisoners have confessed, often deters a U-boat captain from attack on merchant shipping. German frigatefulness may yet devise some fresh tactics for her sink-at-sight warfare, but thus far we have been more successful in restricting its effects than we had a right to hope.

The Fighter Command which must deal with any German bombers sent against us has not yet gone into action, but results of our reconnaissance over Germany and of co-operation with the French Air Force over the Siegfried Line supply strong reasons for belief that enemy squadrons would pay a heavy toll.

Technical evidence now in the possession of the Air Ministry discloses that "our latest fighters are definitely better than their German counterparts." This is confirmed by the startling records of flights of our Bomber Command across Germany, testing defences, observing troop concentrations, dropping leaflets and reaching the great majority of the objectives. There have inevitably been losses, though far less than the Germans have claimed. But the freedom of movement of our aircraft, day after day and night after night far across Germany, and the German official denials of their presence—over Berlin for example—though searchlights and guns blazed at them, give us a heartening standard of comparison of air strength. Reconnaissance is the major purpose, and the distribution of leaflets to the German people is of secondary importance. But it is well that they should be warned of the dangers upon which their Fuehrer's madness has driven them.

We have still to wait for the maximum effort of the Air Force, which should certainly be reserved for the time and the place at which it will have the greatest effect. The scale of that effort is growing rapidly. Production of aircraft has now reached more than twice the large pre-war output. Still further expansion is being arranged. But most important of all developments is the scheme of co-operation with the Dominions. Canada, Australia and New Zealand have agreed to train pilots and other personnel and produce aircraft on a new and far greater scale. Thus the resources and the areas of the Empire free from any risk of enemy attack will be utilised to the utmost for the creation of Air Forces to defend the whole British Commonwealth of Nations. Such a manifold union of Imperial effort has never before been devised. Each Dominion will have its own training schools, but advanced courses are to be concentrated in Canada. There many of our own Air Force recruits, as well

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A 'BELGIAN'

THERE are two weak spots in the £60,000,000 Maginot Line—its ends. One end reaches Switzerland, at Basle. The other reaches Belgium, at Malmédy.

If invading armies can force their way round the ends France's elaborate shield will be about as useful as the Great Wall of China.

The German High Command must have given a lot of consideration to the choice between these two weak spots. Jagged mountains defend the Swiss end; but what are the prospects at the Belgian end?

The danger-zone is a twenty-five-mile broad district jutting into Germany between Holland and Luxembourg, called Liege. The signposts say: 80 miles to Brussels, 200 miles to Paris. Next to the frontier lie two small patches of land named Eupen and Malmédy (pronounced Oy-pen, Mal-médy).

Hitler has always wanted them—once they were German. He plotted to get them by incessant propaganda—as he got the Saar. But for once his plans fizzled out. At the elections last spring the German party failed to win a single seat in either of these districts.

Many Belgians will not want to help defend this gap—because Belgium is really two countries. Racially speaking, there is no such thing as a dyed-in-the-wool Belgian. In the north you have the pro-German Flemings. In the south are the Walloons, who are pro-French. They hate each other so much that if you ask the way in Antwerp (a Fleming city) the man you ask will sometimes purposely mis-

direct you, thinking you are a Walloon. That's how neighbourly they are.

King Leopold has been working to unite these two factions. A German attack may show if he has succeeded.

About the only ways Belgium resembles Holland are in size and population. Belgium is Roman Catholic, Holland is Protestant. Belgium is, with Saxony, the most highly industrialised country in Europe. Holland depends greatly on her dairy farming.

The Dutch problem is to sell her surplus agricultural produce. The Belgian problem is to find enough farms for her labourers to work on. She has one and a half times as many people to the square mile as Britain, twice as many as Germany. Hitler's prattle about "living space" makes the Belgians laugh cynically. Belgium is the most overcrowded country in Europe.

Belgium pulled herself together gallantly after the war, restoring her finances, improving her trade and raising the standard of living of the working classes.

But when Hitler raises the cry "Give us back our colonies," even the Flemings don't feel so pro-German. Because part of Belgium's huge colony in the Congo, eighty times as large as herself, was taken from Germany after the last war. Belgians poured money into this new district, called it "Astrida" after their dead Queen.

No. Belgians would not like to see Germany win the war.

Gordon Taylor

SAUNA

"FIRST we will explore the island and then we'll have a bath about 3 o'clock," my hostess said this morning.

It sounds an odd programme. But . . . when in Finland, do as the Finns do.

However, she seems to have changed her mind for we have explored everything and are strolling about the garden. A tiny, crimson-painted hut stands by the lake. She pushes open its door and

we enter a minute cabin with a bench in it and some pegs on the wall.

"Undress here," she says briefly.

This is a shock. "Here . . . is this? . . . No bathing-dress . . . You mean a bath?" I baffle.

"You need no costume," she says and behold she is nude and disappearing through another door.

I AM alone.

And awful sounds of crackling and splashing come through that second door and the very walls feel hot.

WHAT am I in for? I am scared but dare not run away.

England expects, etc. . . . Naked, I feel even less brave. I clutch my coat as a last link with the life I know and push open the other door.

A cloud of boiling steam completely blinds me and my timid feet slide on a wet, stone floor. Gradually my eyes pierce the fog and I see Elli's pink form hurling buckets-full of cold water

as those of Australia and New Zealand, will have their final preparation for service. This scheme has been inspired by far-sighted judgment of the conditions of the world and the potentiality of the British Empire. We may now look forward to an Imperial air power of overwhelming strength. Its officers and men will vindicate freedom and justice in the spirit of that noble Squadron motto, "I spread my wings, and I keep my promise."

on to huge boulders piled on a crackling stove. She pokes another bundle of faggots into the fire and turns to reassure her foreign guest.

"You cannot breathe," she asks politely. "This will make you better." And she dips her fingers into a bowl of cold water and presses them gently on to my throbbing eyelids. Gratefully I take the bowl and follow her up to the wooden gallery made out of smooth slats set an inch or so apart.

Here Elli gives me another jolt by flicking me unexpectedly with a bunch of wet birch-leaves. They smell delicious. . . .

"This will make you perspire," she says and flicks away impartially at herself and me.

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**TRUDA
PANET**

I FIND myself reciprocating with ever-decreasing diffidence and another bundle of birch-leaves till we are both giggling childishly. I believe I am enjoying myself. . . .

Elli tells me to lie down and relax. A delicious languor steals over me. The wooden slatted bench is not really uncomfortable. There is, something, decidedly, about these Finnish baths. . . .

Elli's voice comes to me through a haze of dreams. "Time to go now. Twenty minutes is long enough for your first bath. We go to the lake."

Drowsily, contentedly, I pick up my sodden coat, forgotten in a pool of water by the door. So dazed with relaxed warmth I am that I hardly realise that Elli is leading me, pink and boiled and still naked, ACROSS THE GARDEN.

But the gardeners work on unconcernedly.

Gradually the cool air revives me and as we run through the criss-cross shadows of the fir-trees on the dry sand, I think miserably.

"I shall die of this . . . great cold after extreme heat . . . it will kill me"

BUT with the Allice-in-Wonderland quality that the whole afternoon has worn, I find I am PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

The "Asama Maru" and Belligerent Rights

THE grounds from which international controversies can arise are many and varied.

These differences may range from questions of state rights and duties to those of national interests, and they may be slight or serious according to circumstances.

Numerous as such grounds for contention are, they can, nevertheless, be divided into two groups, viz., legal differences and political differences. That

being so, the settlement of state disputes may therefore be approached from either a legalistic or the political standpoint.

Although in practice a sharp line cannot be drawn between these grounds of differences for the purpose of determining which standpoint should be taken in a given case; yet, whenever possible, a solution from the legal point of view is always to be preferred.

When an incident occurs between States, it can usually be more effectively settled to the satisfaction of both parties by principles and usages which have been more or less commonly agreed upon and better understood, than by political considerations, which are generally rather vague and difficult to define.

It appears that in the recent case of the "Asama Maru" Great Britain has endeavoured to justify her action by the former, while Japan has chosen to premise her complaint on the latter considerations.

Without the least intention to pass on the merits or demerits of the attitudes assumed by both Great Britain and Japan in this case, more than what is remarked above, this is written objectively with a view to finding where the real issues rest, or should rest.

I SHALL first recapitulate the essential facts connected with this case, and then proceed on to a discussion of the legal principles involved and precedents applicable.

From news reports, which have so far not been denied, the incident happened in this way. At about noon, on January 21, and at a point 35 miles off the Japanese coast, a British warship ordered the Asama Maru, on her way from the United States to Japan, to stop. A party of British officers boarded the Japanese boat, and demanded from the captain the removal from his ship of certain Germans whose names they presented in a list.

As a consequence, 21 Germans of military age were taken off the vessel, while thirty other Germans, mostly merchants, were allowed to continue on their way.

On the night of the second day, the Japanese Government lodged a formal protest with the British Government, reserving the right of demanding the handing over of the Germans. It was further pointed out in this note that Japan regarded the forcible removal of these men from a neutral ship near the coast of Japan as an unfriendly act, for which she requested an early explanation, "sufficient and solid," from the British Government. It concluded with the request that the British Government "pay profound consideration to the matter in the broad light of the relations between Japan and Britain."

It is significant that in the Japanese Note, as far as available information goes, hardly any reference was made of the legal aspect of the matter, beyond remarking that "the British authorities had

been sufficiently informed that the Japanese Government hitherto have stood for the recognised provision that the nationals of a belligerent Power aboard a neutral ship whose surrender the other belligerent Power would be able to demand should be confined to those included in the military forces."

THE British reply to the protest was handed in to the Japanese Government on January 27. It is understood that the British note pointed out that the stopping of the Asama Maru and the removal of German passengers were carried out in accordance with the right of a belligerent Power under International Law. And, that the Germans removed were on their way home by order of their home Government at the latter's expense; that it was evident that upon return home they were to be embodied into armed forces immediately. That, furthermore, the British Government held that the

clause of the London Declaration providing for the seizure of enemy nationals embodied into armed forces can be extended to apply to reserves. It was also explained that according to German law, there is no difference between combatants, including reserves, and that of all males of military age. In conclusion, the note suggested a refusal of the proposed release of the Germans taken away.

It is what is said to be substantially the content of the British note, in reply to the Japanese protest, then our belief that the British Government has taken its stand from the legal point of view, instead of the broad view-point, as expected by the Japanese Government, is confirmed. However, as the development of the negotiation on this affair indicates in the last few days Great Britain might do her utmost to satisfy Japanese aspiration by taking into account of the "political implications," while reserving the question of principles involved.

In discussing the legal principles involved in the present case, one may start either from the angle of neutral rights and duties or from the angle of belligerent rights and duties. In any way, the conclusion reached would be the same, since these rights and duties are correlative. Here, for convenience, I propose to start from the former angle, beginning with neutral duties in times of war.

The issues of the present case seem to hinge on the kind of answer to be given to these two questions: Firstly, is it permissible for neutral ship to carry military persons or persons "embodied in the armed forces" of the enemy? Secondly, Can the Germans removed by the British naval force from the Japanese ship, the "Asama Maru," be regarded as military persons or persons "embodied in the armed forces" of the enemy of Britain? If the first question could be answered in the negative and the second question, in the affirmative, then Great Britain was only exercising such belligerent rights as recognised by International Law.

The first, being a question in the abstract, can be readily answered in the negative.

Since neutrality, as Oppenheim says, "is an attitude of impartiality," it is the duties of neutrals to refrain from giving such assistance and succour to one of the belligerents as is detrimental to the other; and such injuries to the one as benefit the other. Among these duties, which war imposed upon the neutrals, is a kind of assistance known as "unneutral service," which they should not render to the enemy. By unneutral service, as it is understood nowadays, is meant the carriage of persons and dispatches for the enemy by neutral ships, in contrast with the carriage of contraband, which forms a different category of itself. The breach of the former duties is regarded as a more serious matter, as such act is deemed to be in the direct service to the enemy; and in extreme cases such neutral vessel is liable to be treated as an enemy merchant vessel. The condemnation in the last century of the "Crozembo" and the "Friendship" for carrying of contraband by Great Britain for carriage of

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PRISON OF STATE

Nazi Plan For The Unhappy Poles

PARIS, Feb. 4. — Twenty million Poles and Jews are to be crowded into a territory the size of Scotland and Wales, which will form a densely-populated buffer between the Third Reich and Soviet Russia.

This is the latest Nazi scheme for "solving the Polish question." Hitler has apparently abandoned his plan of a purely Jewish reserve in central Poland, near Lublin. He plans to establish a buffer, mixed Polish-Jewish reserve, a kind of "prison State," on a territory approximately one-quarter of the Polish Republic.

The attempt to set up a puppet Polish Government in Warsaw or Cracow having failed, the Nazis have given up the idea of a Polish protectorate.

Wholesale Moves

They have decided to annex four provinces of Central Poland under a German Governor-General.

This area, a little over 40,000 square miles, is inhabited by 14,000,000 people.

The Nazis want to deport to it all the Poles and Jews from the Western Polish provinces of Pomerania, Pomerania and Silesia, which belonged to Prussia before 1918.

To these they propose to add two or three more million people from the textile district of Lodz and the belt along the East Prussian frontier also incorporated in the Third Reich.

The Jews will be driven to the east, near to the Soviet-German demarcation line around Lublin while the Poles will be left to their own destinies in an already over-populated area.

In a very short time this Polish "Resistant" (remained) State, as the Germans call it, would be reduced to the standard of the poorest and most overcrowded Chinese provinces.

INTENSIFIED RAIDS ON SHIPS DURING WEEK-END

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as well as armed and convoyed merchantmen. Despite very heavy anti-aircraft fire and interference by British pursuit planes, one mine-sweeper, four patrol boats and nine merchantmen were sunk and numerous other armed merchant ships were damaged, some of them seriously," the announcement claimed.

Bombers Brought Down
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that three Heinkel bombers were shot down on the northeast coast.

Three British pursuit planes engaged a Heinkel which was attacking a British trawler off the Yorkshire coast, and chased it inland, where it crashed in flames on the Yorkshire moors. Two of the German crew were killed and two others were sent to hospital.

Witnesses said that three British fighter planes dived about the German plane and chased it back and forth until the German began billowing smoke as it sank lower and lower and finally crashed near a coastal town.

German planes resumed their attacks on Allied shipping off the east coast this afternoon. One German plane dropped six bombs at a steamer which another plane had attacked earlier in the day. All the bombs missed their target.

Crows Machine-Gunned
The bombers came through the mist over the east and north-east coasts this morning, split formation and swept down on ships of all sizes, using their machine-guns.

British fighter planes rushed seaward and engaged the Germans.

The Air Ministry announced that two of the German planes were brought down and another was "very seriously damaged." There were three successful interceptions. The plane forced down in Yorkshire narrowly missed a cottage before it struck.

This is the most successful report the R.A.F. has yet made to the German bombers which have been preying on shipping.

German Airmen Rescued
LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wireless).—According to agency reports, four of the crew of a German bomber, presumably one of those shot down by British fighters in the North Sea yesterday, were rescued to-day by the trawler, Harlech Castle. A fifth was drowned before the fishermen could reach him.

One of the four rescued men died on board the trawler from wounds in the head, while two others have been taken to hospital and the fourth has been handed over to a military guard.

BALKANS TO STAY PEACEFUL

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they might more easily resist pressure.

No One Threatened
M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, dealt with the suggestion (known in London to have been spread by Nazi agents) that the Conference was directed against neighbouring states.

He denied these reports and approved the speech of the Bulgarian Prime Minister, who said that Bulgaria would respect the interests of the Balkans.

Like M. Markovitch, M. Gafencu spoke with gratitude of Italy's policy.

Allies Prepared For Nazi Drive

By MILES HANDLER
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WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Feb. 4 (UP).—France's Maginot Line is believed to be impregnable, but the High Command has taken every precaution to stem a "break through" behind the Line should the German armies prove powerful enough to shatter the deep and heavy system of fortifications.

Theoretically, at least from the historical viewpoint, no position is 100 per cent invulnerable or impregnable provided the enemy is willing to pay a high enough price for the privilege of shattering such a defence.

Considered from this angle, it is possible to raise the problem of what would happen if the Germans managed to pierce the line at one or several points.

In the first place, it is an accepted fact that a breach between two forts or even several forts over a distance of several kilometers would be of no practical value to an enemy which would be faced with the impossible task of holding terrain from a flanking counter-attack by mobile forces.

If They Succeed

Assuming that the Germans did successfully break through along a considerable length and to a fair depth, how could the French meet such a threat?

The attacking force, it is presumed, would be composed of mechanized units. These units would be exposed constantly to lateral fire of anti-tank guns of the forts themselves, because there is but little likelihood they would be silenced or forced to surrender. A break-through would more than likely pass by the greater majority of these blockhouses, and their firing power would be unimpaired.

In the second place, medium and heavy-sized batteries behind the Maginot Line would concentrate their fire on the breached sector. German forces would here again be subjected to an intense cross-fire from innumerable batteries before they could dig in or bring up supporting forces.

Decisive Battle

In the worst eventuality, in which the Germans did manage to drive through the line with heavy forces sweeping away all obstacles, the French "manoeuvring masses", held in reserve for such occasions, would be called up to play their role of fighting a decisive battle with the enemy.

The "manoeuvring masses" consist of an autonomous army composed of all elements found in a defensive organization. Its principal assets are intense fire-power, heavy attack units embodied in mechanized regiments, artillery of all calibres and superior mobility, enabling it to rush to danger points in the shortest possible time.

The French "manoeuvring masses", are presently based at unstatic centres which are within striking distance of all present and potential front sectors. Their size and commands are not known.

Should large German forces breach the Maginot Line to an extent where they would threaten to out-flank the fortifications, the French High Command would order its "manoeuvring masses" to advance and engage the enemy. It is calculated that, threatened on both flanks by lateral fire from the concrete forts, the enemy would be placed in a very critical situation in which to meet the mobile armies sent to intercept them.

Such engagements are perhaps one of the few possibilities of drawing the enemy into a decisive battle which would terminate the war quickly.

Failure of the Germans to take the initiative at the beginning of the war permitted the French to complete their concentrations behind the Maginot Line.

These concentrations are said to make possible a decisive engagement such as the one described above. It is considered now that the Germans would have had a better chance to crack the western front had they begun operations while the French were in the midst of their general mobilization.

An offensive to-day against the Maginot Line, it is said, will find the French fully prepared to wage a decisive battle at any point along the entire front.

Firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to-day.

Firing Areas 'D' and 'E' will be affected.

Spirit Of The Empire

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The essential strength of the Commonwealth lay in its being an association of free people, said Mr. Anthony Eden in a speech on Saturday.

Some short-sighted observers, he said, believed that on account of this freedom the Dominions would not stand by Britain's side. They failed to understand the spirit of the British Empire which lay in its greater freedom.

We were fighting not only to maintain but also to keep the progress in freedom of mind and spirit, of which the British Empire was a living example, he concluded.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,400/10 ca.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £87½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £.....89 n.
Chartered £.....87½ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....20½ n.
Mercantile, C. £.....11½ n.
East Asia £.....78 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$.....212½ b.
Union \$.....165 n.
China Underwriter \$.....1½ a.
H.K. Fire \$.....100 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$.....100 b.
Steamboats \$.....10½ n.
Indo-China P.S. \$.....100 n.
Indo-China D.S. \$.....80 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$/.....70/1½ n.
Waterboats \$.....7½ n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.....103 n.
Docks \$.....217½ n.
Provident \$.....400 b. & ca.
New Eng. Sh. \$.....28½ n.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$ (x.d.).....305 n.

MINING

Kallian \$/.....10½ n.
Raub's \$.....10 n.
Venz. Gold \$.....4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....3½ cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels \$.....5¼ b.
Lands \$.....34¼ b.
Lands 4% Debentures \$.....100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. \$.....1740 n.
Humphreys \$.....8¼ n.
H.K. Realities \$.....455 b.
Chinese Estates \$.....101 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$.....1770 b. & ca.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....4 n.
Star Ferries \$.....68 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....24½ b.
China Lights (old) \$.....7½ b.
China Lights (new) \$.....745 b.
H.K. Electric \$.....53¼ b.
Macao Electric \$.....20½ n.
Sandaan Lights \$.....11¼ n.
Telephones (old) \$.....24 b.
Telephones (new) \$.....600 n.
Tractions \$/.....19/0 n.
Tractions (Pref.) \$/.....19/0 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....12 n.
Canton Tees \$.....1 n.
Cement \$.....10 s.
H.K. Ropes \$.....0 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) \$.....21½ b.
Dairy Farms (new) \$.....20½ b.
Watsons \$.....920 b. & ca.
Lane, Crawford's \$.....7½ n.
Singer \$.....180 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....41 n.
Powell, Ltd. \$.....1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$.....36¼ n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....170 n.
Zooing Sing, Sh. \$.....44 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$.....48¼ n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainment \$.....6.00 b.
Constructions (old) \$.....1½ n.
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....8¼ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925.....80% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan.....100 s.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan.....85% n.
Maremma (Lon.) \$/.....15/0 n.
Maremma (H.K.) \$/.....4½ n.

JAPANESE LINER HAS NAZI CARGO ABOARD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 3 (Domei).—The first Japanese ship to bring German goods to Japan following the enforcement of the Allied measures for the seizure of German exports, the O.S.K. liner Sanyo Maru, 8,360 tons, arrived here this morning.

She sailed from Rotterdam. With her goods covered by a complete contract prior to the enforcement of the contraband control measures, she has been permitted by British authorities to carry her cargo.

She returned home via the Atlantic.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London.....1/211
Demand do.....1/211
T.T. Shanghai.....310
T.T. Singapore.....52½
T.T. Japan.....104
T.T. Ind. 1.....62½
T.T. U.S.A.....24½
T.T. Manila.....40½
T.T. Batavia.....45¾
T.T. Bangkok.....159¼
T.T. Saigon.....159¼
T.T. France.....10.85
T.T. Switzerland.....108
T.T. Australia.....1/6½

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London.....1/3.5/32
4 m/s D/P Do.....1/3.5/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.....25¼
4 m/s France.....11.40
30 d/s India.....84
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02¼
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. 3.00¾

REDS MENACE FINN DEFENCES

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counter, the Reds are apparently attempting to reach Kontionalai.

A study of the map reveals the ambitious nature of the Russian offensive and the importance of Finland's railway communication in any further operations they may contemplate after mopping up the bombers in Finland's skies.

If, as the Scandinavian countries fear, the Russian plan to invade Norway and Sweden, they could only do so successfully through the Finnish railway system.

Possession of these railways would immensely simplify their supply problems in the event of hostilities involving the Scandinavian countries.

Fire And Torture

Meanwhile Finland has gone through further fires and torture from large-scale Russian air operations, which are believed to have been intensified in revenge for the appearance of British and Italian in Finland's skies.

With the appearance of more Finnish airplanes, the Russians have resorted to wholesale air raids.

The strategy of this is that the castigation of civilians, especially along the routes of evacuation to Sweden, has caused so much distress among the population that the Finnish High Command may have to withdraw the newly-raised fighting craft from the front in an attempt to prevent the suffering in unprotected towns and villages behind the lines.

President Kallio's statement last week that Finland is ready for an "honourable peace" is believed to mean that unless aid is immediately forthcoming from other Powers, Russia will soon be victorious.

Fine Work By One Squadron

LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wireless).—On Saturday a single squadron of Hawker Hurricanes was responsible for the shooting down of two Heinkels, crippling of a third and chasing away a fourth. On the previous Tuesday, two of the pilots attacked a couple of Heinkels off the Northumbrian coast and saw one of them dive into the sea and break up.

This squadron was thus responsible for the destruction of three-out of the four raiders known to have been destroyed in these two days' engagements, and it is to be remembered that the Royal Air Force counts as destroyed only those seen to crash and not those no matter how badly damaged, that manage to evade the coup de grace but nevertheless possibly do not get back to their bases.

Between 1916 and 1918, the predecessors of this squadron brought down 149 German aircraft in France.

This squadron includes a flight Lieutenant from South Africa and a flying Officer from New Zealand.

No Pole Will Turn Traitor

PARIS, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Neither Germany nor Russia had managed to form a sham Government in those parts of Poland which they had respectively occupied because they could not find a single Pole willing to turn traitor, declared the Polish Minister for Social Welfare at a session of the governing body of the Independent Polish people, and particularly the workers, are carrying on under terrible conditions in a desperate struggle for liberty, he said.

When the War was over, he continued, Poland would play her part in establishing international co-operation in all spheres.

A Warning To Free Nations

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The Netherlands newspaper, "Hansdland" commenting on the Vatican broadcasts of Nazi terrorism, says that these may be considered a warning to western free nations to form a wall against barbarism and despotism.

The world is asking how the German methods which justified the overthrowing the Versailles Treaty can be put alongside the cruelties which the herself is showing against the small and weak nations that are in her power.

Separating Work Of The League

LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wireless).—The League of Nations Committee, consisting of representatives of ten states—Australia, Argentina, Turkey, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom—meets at The Hague on February 7.

This body arises out of the recommendations of the committee appointed in May, 1939, presided over by Mr. S. M. Bruce to consider and report on the best methods of separating the technical work of the League from political activities owing to a general feeling that the former has been unduly subordinated to the latter. The Committee's special object was to facilitate the co-operation of non-member states in the League's economic, financial and sociological activities.

Committee Appointed

In the report adopted by the Assembly in December, Mr. Bruce's Committee recommended the appointment of a "Central Committee" with the duty of arranging, supervising, extending and directing the non-political work of the League.

In order to implement the recommendation of the League, the Assembly decided to appoint an "Organizing Committee" and it is this body which meets at The Hague. It is hoped in official quarters that the Organizing Committee will prove to be the nucleus out of which a Central Committee will grow, but it is pointed out that much spade-work must be accomplished before this hoped-for result can be reached, and the work now to be undertaken at The Hague is necessarily of a preparatory nature. No final or far-reaching decisions are anticipated at this stage.

Shortage Of Coal Caused By Weather

LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wireless).—Throughout Britain considerable difficulties are being experienced in obtaining supplies of coal owing to transport problems occasioned by the severity of recent weather conditions.

Glasgow, among other big cities, is suffering and the expedient is being adopted of cutting down a number of trees in the cities' parks and supplying wood for fuel.

However a leading official of the local Fuel Control Office said that although still acute, the position was improving while an official of the Mines Department has said that the general coal shortage was being overcome and that they hoped that supplies would be greatly increased by Monday.

No Sign Of Collapse In Finland

LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wireless).—The British Labour delegates, who are returning from a visit to Finland, to-day attended a meeting of the northern countries' Labour movements in Copenhagen.

Sir Walter Citrine said he saw no signs of tiredness, hopelessness or collapse anywhere in Finland. He was returning convinced that the Finns could hold out and not merely for the winter. But naturally quick and comprehensive outside help was essential for their own resources were limited. Every one capable of bearing arms had been called to the colours. Finland needed foreign volunteer workers as well as soldiers and doctors.

He repeated the assurance he gave the Finns before he left, Helsinki, that England would do her utmost to help within the framework of the League resolution.

PASSENGERS TELL OF N.Y.K. LINER INCIDENT

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stopped and when the ship came closer she asked us our name and destination.

"This information I gave and then asked the stranger to reveal her identity. She did not do so and we resumed our voyage at 11.05 p.m."

Other passengers could not say whether the stranger was a man or woman or not. All were unanimous in saying that no shots were fired.

The Tatuta Maru later met a Japanese ship, which escorted her for some time.

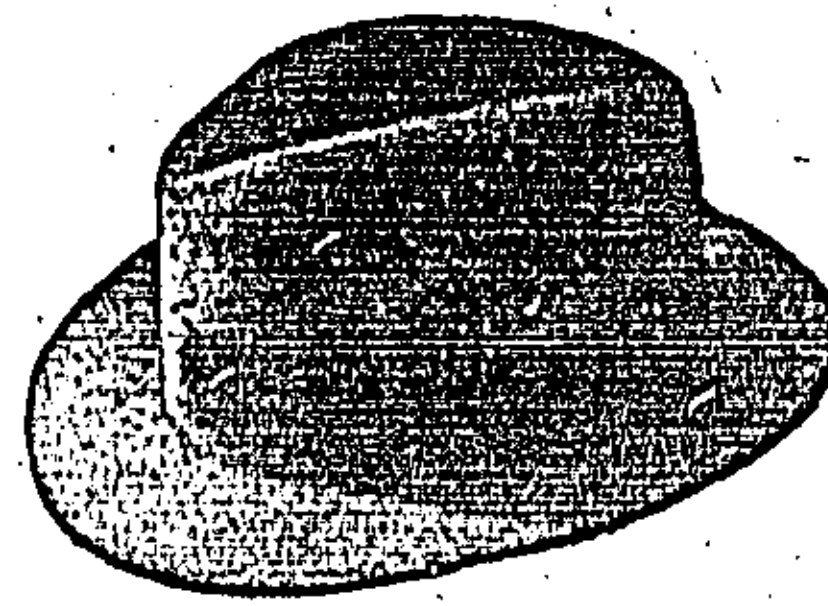
NO SUNDAY JAZZ FOR THE B.E.F.

British troops in France, for whom the B.E.C. are opening a new 342-meter wavelength service are to be subject to the same "Sabbath jazz ban" as listeners to the Home programmes and most people ridicule the restriction.

The programmes are to contain none of the light-hearted dance music and other items which make the Continental broadcasts so popular with the B.E.F.

Only four special items different from the usual Home Service, were thus to be given on Jan. 7th—B.E.C. Salon Orchestra in place of a Violin recital, Records of Peter Dawson instead of a Church Service.

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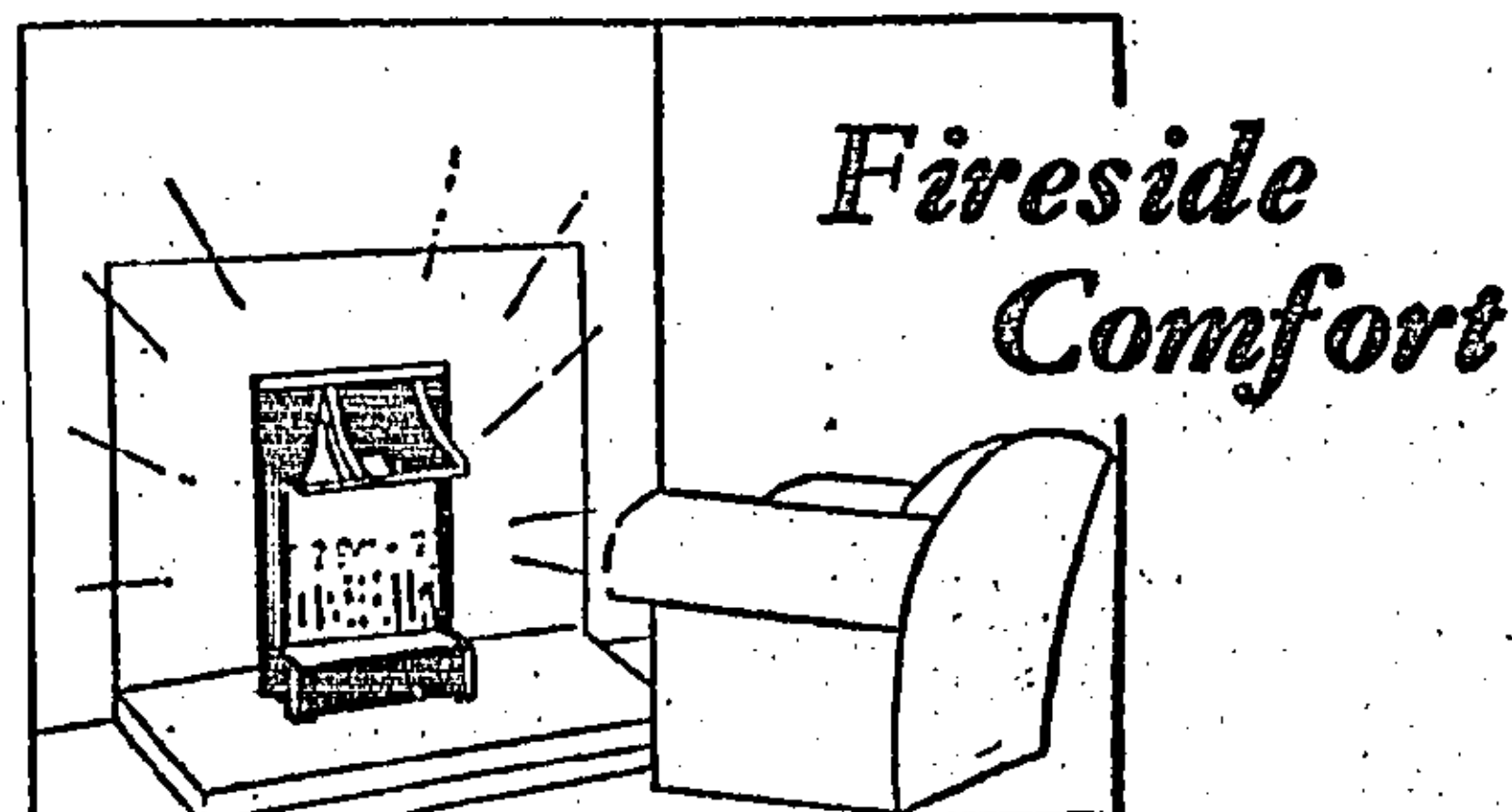
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

SHIELD WIN FOR EASTERN

Sparkling Football On A Heavy Ground: Fine Defence Carries Day

(By "Rox")

EASTERN gave a sparkling display of football, of the type they have rarely been seen to indulge in, and romped away winners by four goals to one in their Second round Senior Shield match against South China "B" at the Hongkong Club ground yesterday.

Despite the four marks chalked up against him, Cheung Wing-choi was magnificent in goal for South China "B". Handicapped by the treacherous ground he nevertheless effected several semi-miraculous saves.

Hau King-sing gave another of his flawless exhibitions at pivot. The improvement of Cheung Kam-hoi in the inside-right berth made the Eastern attack a good deal improved.

Lau Hin-hon was very safe in goal for Eastern. Whatever shots he received were dealt with in masterly style and apparent ease.

Kong Seng-keng and Tsang Chung-wan did not seem very happy on the slippery ground. Their fast tackles often found them floundering.

Hsu King-sing revelled in the mud and rose to new eminence. He formed a solid defence against the South China attack. Lau Tse-chen did not impress. He too, seemed to find the going too rough for him.

Lo Wai-kuen was very good but only in patches. He appeared to be at a loss when Hsu moved up to the attack. Cheung Yung-tum and Cheung Kam-hoi again proved to be the more dangerous of the two flanks. The forward line was seen to have only three forwards who were always well up the field, Cheung and Wu Gay-tung at inside-left moving up and down field to the detriment of South China. Lee Tse-kee again appeared out of place in the combination and spoilt many chances. Hsu King-sing played as brilliantly as ever. He, however, played more as an individual than as part of the attack.

BAD LUCK

CHEUNG WING-CHOI was very unfortunate to have four goals against him as he played his finest and deserved to have a clean slate. The goals scored did not actually beat him as he was in no position to contest the shots.

HOW TEAMS FARED

SENIOR SHIELD

S. China "A" 4 Royal Navy 2
Eastern 4 S. China "B" 1

JUNIOR SHIELD

South China 3 8th R.A. 1
Police 3 International 2

FIRST DIVISION

Police 4 Kwong Wah 2

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Club 0 Kit Chee 0

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Kowloon 1 University 0

THIRD DIVISION

Kumaons 1 24th R.A. 4
5th R.A. 1 Signals 2
R.A.M.C. 0 Royal Scots 8
South China 8 Electric 1

Hau Yung-sang was the better of the backs. His partner was very uncertain and was guilty of hesitating in attacking and relying too much on the halves with the consequence that he was beaten oftener than not.

The half back line of South China was mainly responsible in stemming the Eastern attack. Lam Tak-po played a very fine game at pivot and was ably assisted by Yeung Kan-po and Luk Tak-hung. The latter is a comparatively new player and his consistent good performances mark

Rugby Football

ARMY BEAT POLICE 9-3

Fanling Golf

Second Round Ties In Junior Championship

Following are the results of the second round of the Junior Golf Championship played at Fanling yesterday:—J. W. Mayhew beat W. Hewitt three and one, W. L. Alexander beat W. A. Stewart five and three, H. N. Williamson beat J. C. Taylor four and three, N. K. Littlejohn beat A. H. McBride eight and six.

Hit By Ball

A 15-year-old girl, Ng Wen-tai, was struck by a golf ball at the Kowloon City golf course on Saturday, and later taken to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from concussion.

Week-end Softball Scores

The following were the scores in the Softball League during the week-end:

Canuckettes 31, Cubs 7.
Pirates 19, Panthers 14.
Cardinals forfeited to Ballgirls.
Whooos 10, Ramblerettes 4.
Cheung Hwa 5, English Forum 0.
Recreio Bees 7, Trejans 4.

him down as a coming half-back. He was very steady, cleared strongly and had a good sense of coverage minimising to a great extent, the errors of Yuen She at left-back.

VERY LITTLE SCOPE

THE EXCELLENT policing of Hsu left very little scope for Chan Tak-fai. His shooting was not as accurate as usual but in mid-field he was very effective and fed his wing men well. Cheung Kee-shing and Tam Chan-kuen made great efforts to combine with Chan but only in stages was Cheung successful. Kwok Ying-ki was the best forward on view. He piled Chan with innumerable passes of which he was either robbed or snuffed when well placed. Lee Shek-yau came in with some fine runs down the wing but his centres were often faulty.

PRESSING STRONGLY

EASTERN started strongly and within a few minutes were pressing in the South China area. They opened the score with a fine shot, Hsu bringing the ball well in and his passing drive struck the upright. Cheung showed presence of mind to quickly collect the ball but a goal was awarded. Shortly after South China surprised the Eastern defence and Chan Tak-fai equalised from six yards out giving Lau no chance with a pile driver. This score was maintained till half time.

From the resumption Eastern again took the initiative and pressed home their attack. The South China goal came very near falling several times but Cheung managed to keep his end up. Five minutes after the resumption Eastern made a spirited attack and a corner was forced. From the kick Wu Gay-tung headed the ball in after it had passed over the heads of all the players that were crowding the goalmouth.

Eastern kept up their attack and in attempting to break through, Hau was brought down by Yung and from the resulting kick which was twice taken, by Hau and Cheung, the latter scored after Cheung had saved the first shot.

Hau came in for some nice pieces of individualistic work. Twice he feinted passes inwards and broke through, his shots being saved in fine style by Cheung.

TABLES TURNED

THERE was a sudden shifting of the scenes and South China was in its turn the aggressors. They were very unfortunate not to net, their forwards being chiefly to blame for inaccuracy. Chan sent in several snap shots which alert Lau managed to clear. Kwok sent in a nice shot which was partially cleared by Lau who quickly recovered the ball before Chan could get to it. A corner in the Eastern goal by the South China players and Cheung Kee-shing passed to Chan who put the ball past Lau but the goal was disallowed Chan, being given offside.

Chan again missed an opportunity when Cheung got through the Eastern defence and put a pass to him. Chan tried to make an easy goal look difficult by trying for an angle shot and missed the goal entirely.

A magnificent solo effort by Hau culminated the day's scoring. Hau received a pass from Lee Tack-kee in mid-field and eluded the far-advanced South China backs to outrun them for goal and beat Cheung with a nice shot in the far corner of the net.

Policemen Fail During Second Half

BUT FOR AN INJURY to E. C. Luscombe, brilliant Police scrum-half, the Police XV might have shared honours or have even beaten the Army in their rugby union football match at Boundary Street on Saturday. The final score was 9-3 in Army's favour, after Police had been leading 3-0 at half time. Army scored a goal and two tries, and Police scored a penalty goal.

The Police dominated in the first half, but in the absence of Luscombe in the second, their backs saw little of the ball, and Taylor, full-back, was consequently wasted in that division. He found touch on several occasions with fine great kicks, but was unable to stem the Army rushes. The three-quarter line gave the Army little room for movement in the first half, but with the Army reshuffle in the second period, when Douglas moved up to centre-three-quarter and Pielon went full-back, a different complexion was put on things.

Wilson and Reynolds were most effective of the Police thirds, while Fay was mainly on the defensive, and Jackson tumbled badly on one or two occasions.

FINE DEBUT

RICHARDS and Waite were grand for Army. The former was making a debut as left centre-three-quarter, and his touch-licking was very fine, relieving pressure at the right moments. Waite was the better of the fly-halves, though Leslie showed the

Interport Postponed

SHANGHAI, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Interport Rugby match between the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club and the Rugby Section of the Hongkong Football Club, which was scheduled to take place on Thursday morning at the Cantone, has been postponed due to bad field conditions as a result of a heavy snowfall.

The Shanghai Interport XV will be selected to-morrow without any trial being held.

more safe handling. The former won little time in making efforts to gain ground, and his sharp spurts and gains were one of the outstanding features of the game.

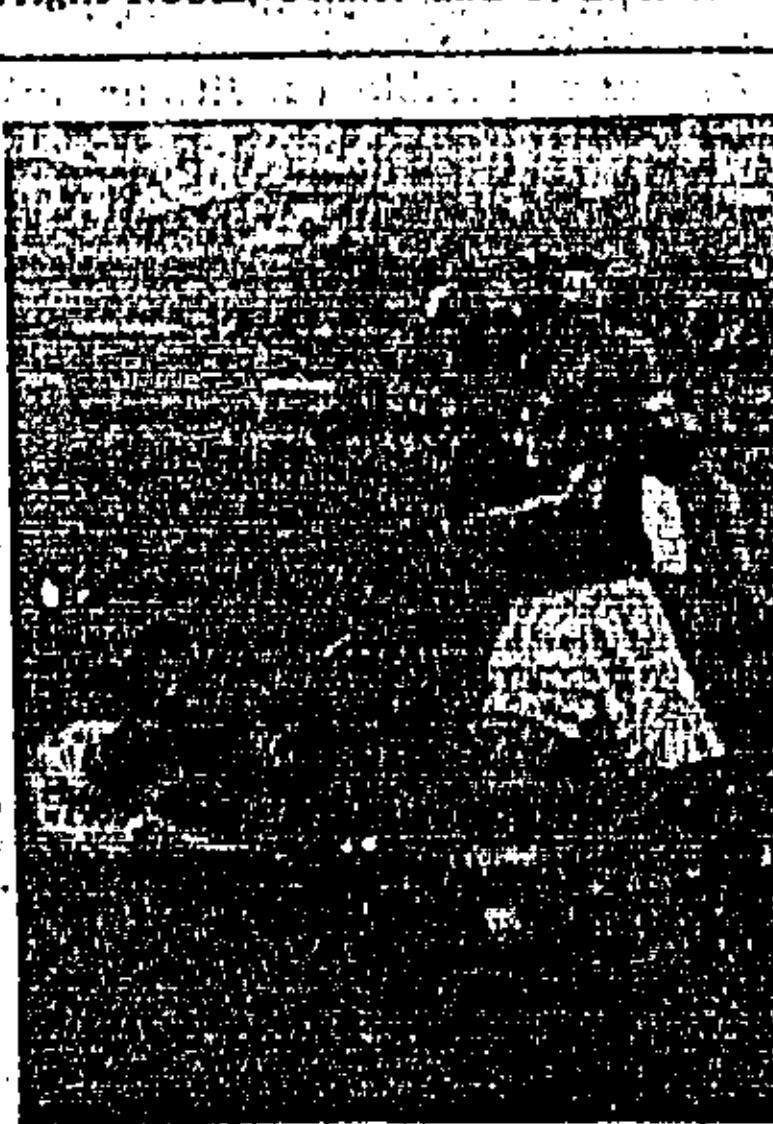
Police had a well-knit pack in the set scrums, and Wright-Noth, a wing-forward, was very much in the limelight with his foot-work.

D. H. Taylor gave the Police their first-half, however, Waite and Birrell crossed over for the Army for uncovered tries, and in the closing minutes Army forwards crossed over in a rush and Berry added the goal points.

Dr. Selby refereed.

Army—L. Col. Pielon, Spr. Arlingstall, Mr. Richards, Lt. Douglas and L. Col. Birrell; L. Col. Waite and L. Col. Felecy; Pte. Berry, Cpl. Sutherland, Cpl. Shiels, Lt. Culbertson, Lt. Millar, Lt. Pinkerton, L. Col. Coombe and Lt. Ridsdale.

Police—D. H. Taylor, Reynolds, G. S. Wilson, D. C. Fay and H. M. Jackson; H. D. Leslie and E. C. Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan, L. A. Scarle, Innes, Rose, Wright-Noth, Jenner and J. S. Hildell.



Cheung Wing-choi (S. China) gathering, with Yeung Kan-po keeper of Lee Tack-kee (on the ground)—Mee Cheung.

League Cricket

Weak K.C.C. Team Beat University

WITH RANKS very depleted owing to Volunteer Camp, the Kowloon Cricket Club nevertheless scored an easy win over the University in the First Division on Saturday by 121 runs. The University were short of four of their best players.

The scores were: K.C.C.—170 for 3 wickets, dec. (F. J. Lay 84, E. F. Fincher 57 not out). University—57 Chm. Thlan-Liew 20, N. D. Lloyd 6 for 19 and E. Curris 4 for 22.

Recreio Draw

The Club de Recreio drew with the Indian R.C.

Recreio—170 for 6 wickets, dec. (L. G. Gosano 72, E. M. N. da Silva 22, J. M. Gosano 19, A. M. Rumjahn 3 for 31, A. R. Minu 3 for 56).

I.R.C.—93 for 7 wickets. (A. H. Madar 30 not out, A. K. Kitchell 20, H. L. Ozorio 6 for 38).

I.R.C. 2nd XI Win

The Indian R.C. 2nd XI beat the University.

University—80 (R. M. Soares 25, J. M. Rumjahn 3 for 14, Y. T. Barma 4 for 15).

I.R.C.—63 for 6 wickets. (H. T. Barma 24, M. I. Razack 25, N. Singh 3 for 41).

Friendly Matches

At the Valley Challenge, the combined schools by seven runs.

Police 148 (A. Carey 49, W. L. Clarke 50, C. Pope 18, H. Danbrowsky 31, A. Kirkby 13; K. J. Atwell 5-4-4, D. S. Club 44 (R. D. Gillespie 31, F. Hackney 15, D. S. Robb not out 12; C. Pope 3-4-6, J. Lewis 2-16, P. Forrest 4-10).

TABLES TO DATE

First Division	P	W	L	D	Pts
K.C.C.	3	3	0	0	9
I.R.C.	3	1	0	2	5
Recreio	2	1	0	1	4
C.C.C.	2	0	2	0	0
University	2	0	2	0	0

Second Division

P	W	L	D	Pts
C.C.C.	2	2	0	6
Recreio	2	2	0	6
Police	2	1	1	4
C.C.C.	2	1	1	4
I.R.C.	2	1	1	4
University	2	0	2	0

Club "A" 6

Australian Reserves 0

CLUB "A" beat the Australian Naval Reserves by 6 points (two tries) to all in a very scrappy game on the Pillee ground. The majority of the Australians XV were Australian Rules football players, and their knowledge of Rugby Union was meagre.

Lavalle made good use of his speed and scored Club's first try in the opening half, his effort being unconverted. Club gradually took over control in the second half and the game culminated when Morgan scored near the corner flag. Richardson failed with the kick.

The teams were: Club "A"—F. M. Thompson, T. Bowden, R. M. Lavalle, E. F. A. Morgan and P. Wilson; G. Tralender and R. Rutherford; I. St. Martin, J. S. Dunnet, A. M. Kennedy, E. A. Bumpas, L. A. Benn, W. D. Richardson, R. Leitch and G. J. P. Carey.

Australian Reserves—W. Glendinning, P. O. Forbes, A. B. Hunter and A. B. Judd; Sub. L. Arthur, P. O. Good, A. B. Vivian, A. B. Sullivan, A. B. Richardson, L. S. Milan, R. A. Enn, Scorer, A. B. McKay and A. B. Eng. McKim and L. S. Young (Capt.).



Cheung Wing-choi (S. China) gathering, with Yeung Kan-po keeper of Lee Tack-kee (on the ground)—Mee Cheung.

CHIUGRIFFITHS WIN

WOMEN'S DOUBLES Thrilling Rallies In Colony Tennis Final

IN AN EXHIBITION of tennis, better than any seen to date in the women's Colony championships, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Miss Madge Griffiths beat Mrs. E. Litton and Mrs. Hyde by 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles final at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday.

Women's Hockey

St. Andrew's Challenge To "Y" Ladies

Beating the Hongkong Ladies by 4-2 on Saturday, St. Andrew's have now moved to second position in the Caer Clark Cup League table, and offer a challenge to the "Y" Ladies.

The results of games on Saturday were:

BRAWN CUP

St. Andrew's 4 Hongkong Ladies 2 (Miss H. Reid 2, Miss Greig and Mrs. Bliss 2) (Miss Booker)

CAER CLARK CUP

St. Andrew's 1 C.B.A. 5 (Miss P. Lawson) (Miss E. Woolley 4 and Miss F. Grimmit)

Recreio 2 C.B.S. 1 (Miss Campos and (Miss E. Rous- Gonsalves) sea)

TABLES TO DATE

Caer Clark Cup	P	W	L	D	Pts
"Y" Ladies	0	7	1	33	7
St. Andrew's	1	5	1	22	11
"K" Ladies	3	4	3	17	12
C.B.A. Ladies	0	1	4	7	18
C.B.S.	0	1	5	0	2
Recreio Ladies	0	0	4	2	4

Brawn Cup

St. Andrew's L.	7	5	1	1	22	12
H.K. Ladies ..	8	4	3	1	17	12
C.B.A. Ladies	0	1	4	1	7	18
C.B.S.	0	1	5	0	7	22
Recreio Ladies	0	0	4	2	4	13

Home Football Spoiled By Intense Cold

The intense cold which prevailed here to-day resulted in the postponement of the whole of the English and Scottish Regional football Leagues with the exception of one match, Plymouth trouncing Bristol City by 10 goals to 3 in the South-Western Section of the English Regional League.

All Rugby League matches were also postponed, although the following were results of Rugby Union encounters: North 28, Royal Air Force 3; Swansea 3, Swansea Valley 11; Torquay 24, Royal Navy 6.

—Reuter.

SPORT ADVTS.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

INTERPORT MATCHES

Hong Kong v Saigon, Thursday, February 8, 1940.

Eastern A.A. v Saigon, Friday, February 9, 1940.

South China A.A. v Saigon, Sunday, February 11, 1940.

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By Elizabeth Arden



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Short Cuts

Place green olives in a jar of sweet pickles and allow to remain long enough to acquire the flavour of pickles. This makes a delicious variation in serving relishes.

Try warming clothespins in a pan in the oven during cold weather. It saves cold fingers and makes clothes hanging easier by preventing the corners of flat pieces from becoming unwieldy with frost.

Use a cork for scouring knives and save the wear and tear on dish cloths. Dip the cork in water first, then into cleaning powder and apply.

Always wash the hands before starting to sew on a delicate article, as sewing is inclined to make the hands perspire and the slightest grime will quickly show on the material.

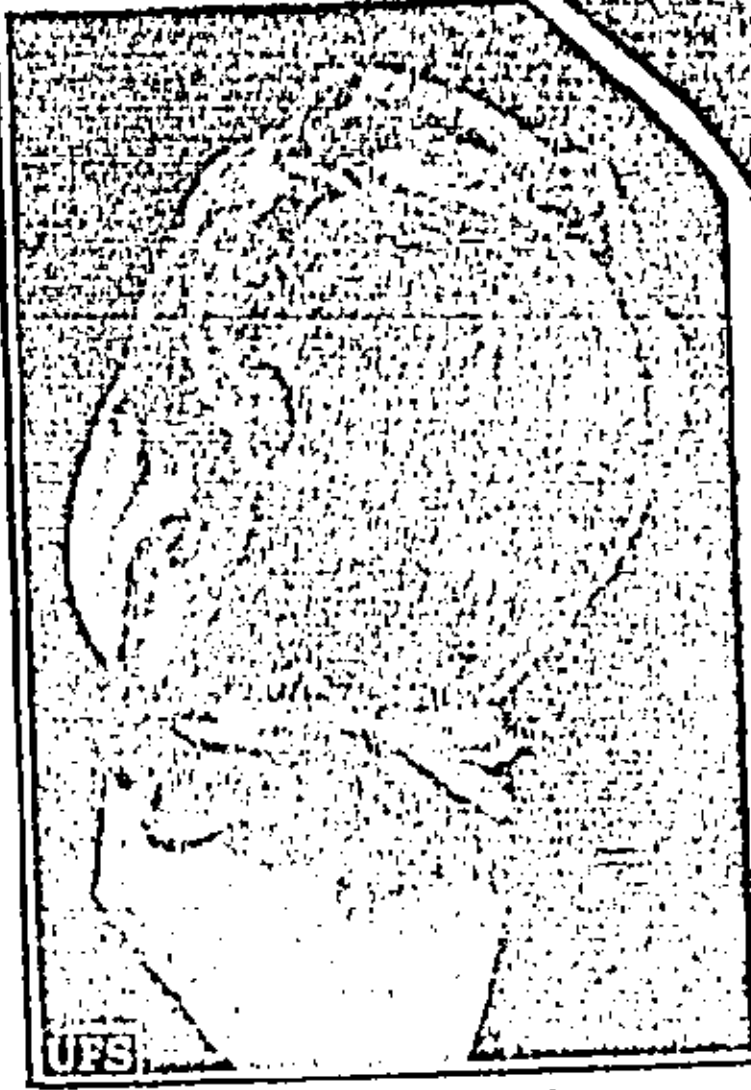
A cloth slightly moistened with vinegar will remove shining marks from furniture. Follow this with a little furniture polish, rubbing hard till it dries.

Black And Red

Black "ablaze with flaming red and scintillating gold" is now in after-dark fashions. New in this category is the variety of evening coats in the red, black and gold scheme. There is the long, red wool with black passementerie frogs, a flared red tunic and another long red woollen wrap with black velvet yoke and hood.

An Old-Fashioned Girl

This, imple hairdress is smart. Hair swept up in front and on the sides. It is caught and bent at the nape of the neck by a bow which gathers the curls in a cluster on the back of the neck. The perfect coiffure for a bustle dress!



Loose Curls For Milady

By JACQUELINE HUNT

THE old has become the very, very new—judging by the hair styles noted recently. Big, smooth, vertical curls, sometimes called "English curls" but looking very much akin to those your mother used to roll so carefully on rags when you were a little girl, are news of the moment.

One hairdresser starts them high and has clusters of them. One coiffure for a young girl calls for a centre part, the first curls being caught rather high over the temples and falling low on the shoulders like the hairdo of a Spanish "infanta". For the older woman the top hair is dressed high, then the sides and back are dressed rather high but with the ends cascading in vertical curls.

Another gathers his curls at the nape of the neck and ties them with a velvet bow, called the Boops-a-Daisy, after the new dance imported from London by Arthur Murray. Still another swirls the hair back from the temples, with the first big shining curls starting behind the ears, the rest of the back hair turned down. One curls the hair into a loosely into three or four more in a charming little girl effect. The hair over the crown of the head is very smooth and polished and the top hair high either in a coque of loose curls or rolls.

Bangs Are Unique

Bangs are still another old-new idea. These are treated variously. Some simply have a topknot of curls, some of which drop forward to hide the hairline. Others cut a real fringe of bangs and curl or wave. One imaginative young hair stylist has bangs but with a 180° angle, for they are not cut straight across, but in scallops or diagonal lines that soften the brow or add dash and piquancy to the individual face.

These are the hairdressers' concession to snoods. Veiling or a snood will not conceal straggling ends and bad lines, but on the other hand, they do spoil the effect of elaborate waves or ringlets over the back of the head. The new coiffures that mold the back so beautifully are perfect, if your hair has a short or long snood. The long curls give the final nice, finishing line. They may even tend gradually to eliminate the snood.

The new coiffures do not lack individuality as one might suspect, but can be arranged to flatter the neck, head and jawline. An interesting trick sometimes employed for the girl with a long face, is a centre part down the back of the head, the crown flat and the ends finished in loose, fluffy curls that fullness behind and below the ears, creating an illusion of width in the face.

The long vertical curls are perfect for the girl with a short neck. The front hair may be combed up into interesting top curls, the back section of hair combed together toward the nape of the neck to dovetail into big curls that look like a knot.

Back Parts Interesting

Back parts are used frequently to add interest. One coiffure seen recently had the hair parted on a slant from the top right, across and downward. Soft rolls followed the slanting line of part down to the long ends which were finished in three or four big curls. In another the back hair was parted into two sections, brushed smoothly down, crossing each other and fastened securely at the hairline. The ends were caught into bunches of vertical curls behind each ear.

With so much uncurled hair, the accent is more on treatment to bring out all the luster and beauty of the hair rather than on permanents. Of course, a permanent is needed, too, but often only the ends and top section of hair are treated.

B.W.O.F. ACTIVITIES

More comforts for the Fighting Services have been made by local working parties. Twelve cases of working garments and hospital necessities are being sent by the next Blue Funnel steamer. Five of these are for distribution by the British Red Cross Organisation, two are being sent to the Royal Naval Comforts Depot, and four to the Army Comforts Depot. Of the latter one is earmarked for Royal Engineer units and one for the Middlesex Regiment.

The working centre of the Club de Recreio recently held a Bridge and Mahjong Drive and the proceeds (\$150) were sent to the British War Organisation Fund.

Bradman's Book Read During Cricket Case

MAURICE TATE, the England and Sussex cricketer, gave expert evidence at Sussex Assizes at Lewes recently. And Don Bradman's book on cricket was consulted by Mr. Justice Humphreys and counsel.

They were trying to find out where "silly mid-on" fields in a cricket match.

Thirteen-year-old John Barfoot, son of a Seaford (Sussex) garage proprietor, had said he was fielding in this position in a school game when he was hit on the head by the ball and his skull was fractured. He and his father, Mr. Clarence William Barfoot, claimed damages from the East Sussex County Council.

The judge reserved his decision after hearing Tate say that the position was "silly" for an inexperienced boy and the master who was in charge of the game deny that the boy was told to field there.

Tate said it was dangerous for a boy to field within ten yards of a batsman.

He said: "I have retreated many times when I have found a bowler has not a very good length. If you have a really good bowler, such as Larwood, who is very accurate, it is different."

Tate Shivered

"I had Patsy Hendren stand up within three yards of me on one Australian trip, and very successful he was."

"I have fielded three yards from the batsman—but I shivered a bit," John told the judge he was fifteen feet from the batsman when he was hit. He did not like the position, because shortly before a ball had just missed his head.

Mr. George Thomas Stevenson, master in charge of the game, said that he told Barfoot to stand at square leg and probably helped him to get the position of true square leg by motioning with his hands.

He did not tell the boys to close in.

The ball out of which the accident arose was of the yorker type and the batsman came out to meet it. Barfoot ducked when the ball was coming at him and it struck him on the head.

Coffee For Shipwrecked Sailors

After the Newcastle collier Townerley (2,800 tons) hit a mine off the south-east coast on January 7 the 24 members of the crew were brought ashore by a lifeboat and given coffee poured out for them by A. B. Archibald Varncombe, who was recently decorated by the King for his bravery in examining caused tons of coal to descend through the hatches, depending over the deck in a black shower.

One stoker said it was the most comfortable shipwreck he could remember—none of the crew got wet, and their only complaint was the cold on the trip ashore.

PRIVATE RUSHED TO COT OF BABY

A SCOTTISH private on duty at British G.H.Q. in France was handed a telegram.

Wondering why he should have such an urgent message, he tore open the envelope.

Inside was a message from his wife in Rosburgh-street, Edinburgh, to tell him that his 18-month-old daughter, June, had been taken to hospital with heart trouble and was seriously ill.

At once the machinery of the British Army began to work on his behalf.

Driven To Station

Permission for him to return to Scotland was quickly granted. An Army tender hastened him to the station, where he caught the boat train.

Before he embarked he was given a word of warning. He must not tell his wife until he arrived in England.

From the port of arrival he sent her a telegram.

It stated that he was travelling on the night express.

Smile Of Welcome

He stepped out of the train at Edinburgh.

A few hours later he and his wife were sitting at a tiny hospital cot. Baby June looked up and smiled a welcome.

Now the doctors have expressed the opinion that June may live for another two months.

FEAST OF DON BOSCO

St. John Don Bosco, founder of the great Salesian Order, was publicly honoured yesterday at St. Anthony's Church, West Point.

People from all over Hongkong attended the morning and evening services held in the Church. Prior to the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening, Father M. Suppo, S.C., delivered a homily in English.

Appropriate music was rendered by the Salesian Choir of Shaukiwan.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1890.
The Peak Hotel and Trading Company, Limited, Notice to shareholders. Notice is hereby given that the second instalment of \$5 (five dollars) per share, in the above company, will fall due on February 15th next, and is payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be chargeable on all calls unpaid on due date. By order of the Board of Directors, J. Wheeler, Secretary.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1915.
Earl Kitchener continues to make "Globe" correspondent. His activity is wonderful and he is especially keen on making the contractor know his place.

10 YEARS AGO

Nanking, Feb. 5, 1930.
Political consequences which may have far-reaching effects on the future of South China and which will be keenly watched by official circles in the North are expected to result from the official visit to Canton early next week of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

5 YEARS AGO

London, Feb. 5, 1935.
A joint Anglo-French communiqué has announced the readiness of both countries to grant Germany equality and to sign Part V of the Versailles Treaty if Germany rejoins the League and joins in a general Armaments Convention.

Britain and France have accordingly invited Italy, Germany and Belgium to negotiate a mutual armistice pact. It is stressed that the purpose of the Anglo-French communiqué is to remove tendencies "leading to an armistice" and to encourage "practical" armistice.

The Anglo-French communiqué reaffirms the declaration of December, 1932, from the declaration of rights within a system of security; proclaims the Anglo-French agreement reached in July 1 to safeguard the independence of Austria; states that Britain adheres to the Franco-Italian declaration of the same date refusing to admit unilateral modification of the Versailles armistice provisions; and adds that Britain has agreed to attempt "a general settlement of freely negotiated issues between Germany and the other Powers."

The communiqué also discloses a determination on the part of Britain and France to avoid dictating terms to Germany.

Strict Neutrality

Oslo, Feb. 3.
The situation of Norway is very difficult, surrounded as she is on all sides by combatant countries, said the Foreign Minister of Norway in a special interview with a foreign newspaper correspondent.

Norway's policy, he said, is one of strict and absolute neutrality. Although Norway's feelings are with Finland, this has nothing to do with the Government's policy of strict neutrality.

Asked what would be the position if Soviet Russia invaded Norway after conquering Finland, he said it would be difficult to foresee the consequences of a Finnish defeat.

Commenting on the other war, he said that Norway, a neutral, had lost more men at sea than France had on the Western front.—Reuter.

Neglected Skin Can Undo Beauty Efforts

By JACQUELINE HUNT

PEOPLE who design our fashions may disagree as to which is more flattering, the pencil silhouette, the romantic full-skirted affair or the bustle. Some may insist on natural make-up, while others prefer frankly artificial, stylised face-do. But on one point they all agree. No woman looks really smart, really attractive, unless her complexion is smooth and pliant.

As one designer expresses it, "Give specials on several splendid colds as a woman with a good figure and weather lotions. Stock up with lots of money. I can design knock-out enough to last the rest of the winter but clothes for her, but if her skin and use it liberally. The lotions look rough or weather-beaten—then contain rich, lubricating creams and may envy her clothes, but they won't skin against that harsh, grating feel that wind-stung red look that envy her—not with that complexion!"

As for men, she goes on to say, cold weather will give you if you don't care if a woman's dress don't watch out. Especially if you are in the latest Paris creation or not, go in for skating, skiing, or if you take one look at the woman have to be out in all sorts of weather with coarse, dull skin and then hurry their, a preliminary lotioning will away to find Miss Peaches-and-cream the most tender skin.

Neck Needs Care

Try applying it to your hands, face and neck before dressing. Women seem to neglect their neck more than ever in the winter. And your neck and throat is conspicuous, even if you can't see it yourself. If you don't want it to look crepey, treat it as kindly as you do your face. Scrub best complexion. So she sees to it with mild warm soapsuds at night, and she's smart enough to save her precious face, too. She sees that her skin gets extra care all winter.

Use Lotion Faithfully

She realises that cold wind and cold air can dry out and chap the best complexion. So she sees to it with mild warm soapsuds at night, and she's smart enough to save her precious face, too. She sees that her skin gets extra care all winter.

Something as simple as a good softening skin lotion regularly applied. And that's no strain on any woman's budget. This is a blessing because you do simple things at times. There is dabbling and re-touching you do such a bewildering variety of creams, during the day the less likely your skin is to show up in little, dry flakes, tones, softeners, masks and foundations available that we wish we could afford, while the simple, inexpensive lotion or cream that would solve our problems if faithfully used passes unnoticed.

Right now there are bargain fresh application of softening cream.

Sudden SNEEZING Foretells A COLD

TO-DAY, it's just a sneeze; but later it's a bad cold in the head or a chill that may turn to pneumonia. So let that sudden sneeze be a warning of a cold coming on; and take Peps.

These antiseptic, breathable tablets, quickly cure coughs, colds and chills. Dissolved in your mouth, a Peps releases rich, medicinal essences which mix with your breath and are carried deep into your lungs. Thus that stifled-up feeling is quickly relieved and throat, bronchitis and lungs soothed and invigorated. Peps keep you from catching other people's colds, too. So, be sure to try them.



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New Y.W.C.A. Centre

The Young Women's Christian Association has opened a new centre of work in Kowloon, under the joint auspices of the Hongkong and Canton Associations. Club rooms for members, classes for adults, mass education for industrial girls, and daily bandage and first aid supply work will make up the programme.

A house-warming in the new centre, at 571 Nathan Road, took place on Thursday afternoon, when several hundred members and friends gathered for the opening. Mrs. Wang Lum-ling, of the Hongkong Board of Directors, expressed the appreciation of the association leaders for this added opportunity for the Y.W.C.A. Many Canton members had found homes in Kowloon, she said, and the many Kowloon members of the Hongkong Association now had a convenient centre for service activities, and educational work.

The President of the Canton Association, Mrs. Jado Wang Wu, presided at the installation service of the new general secretary, Mrs. Chen Yung Hei-wan. A ceremony of dedication was participated in by representatives of the various groups that make up the Y.W.C.A., each pledging her loyalty and support to the association.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

RIVALS

Ninotchka, Special Envoy from the Soviets to take over negotiations for the sale of the former Duchess Swana's jewels in Paris, meets Count Leon d'Algot, sweetheart and representative of the Duchess, without either knowing the other's identity.

They fall in love, but Ninotchka, learning Leon's identity, refuses to see him. He tricks her into a meeting in a workmen's restaurant.

NINOTCHKA

From The Novel By
MELCHIOR LEMGYEL
Adaptation By
LEBBEUS MITCHELL



LEON, striding nervously about his living room, consulted his watch.

"You seem to be a bit nervous, sir," said Gaston, his valet, busy at the drink table.

"I am, Gaston."

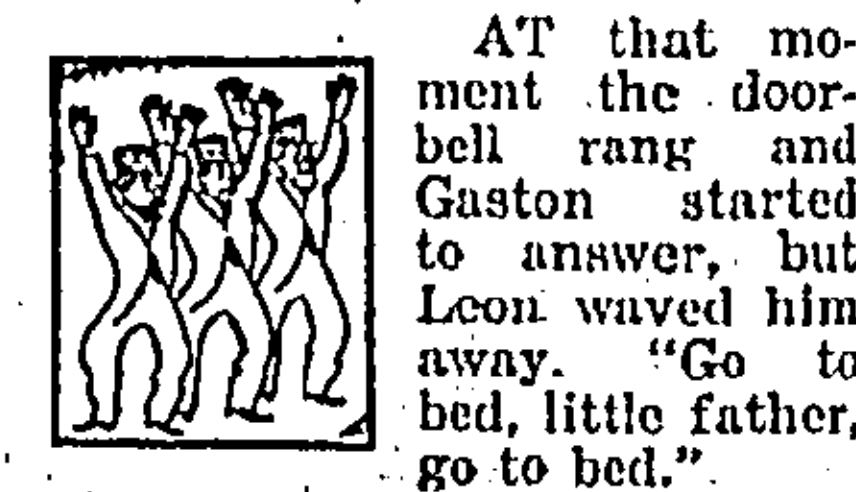
"If you will forgive me, ever since you met that Bolshevik lady I've noticed a distinct change in you, sir. I was greatly amazed on returning from the market yesterday to find that you had made your bed."

"And I was happier all day long. I felt I had contributed something."

"Well, sir, if you should do it again, which I hope you won't, please remember the order. Counterpane, blanket, blanket, sheet, sheet. And it was with great amazement that I found a copy of Karl Marx's 'Capital' on your night table. That is a socialistic volume which I refuse so much as to dust, sir."

"Gaston, don't you realise the unfairness of your position? You being my servant? Don't you look forward to the day when you can come in here and stand square on your feet and say, 'hey, you, d'Algot, from now on it's going to be share and share alike'?"

"Emphatically not, sir! I don't resent your not paying me for the past two months, but the thought that I should share my bank account with you—that is really too much for me, sir."



AT that moment the doorbell rang and Gaston started to answer, but Leon waved him away. "Go to bed, little father, go to bed."

When the valet had disappeared, Leon opened the door, and there stood Ninotchka, timidly, in the new hat and a complete new outfit. It took him a moment to take in her new splendour, then he grasped her hand, kissed it, and led her into the living room.

"I . . . I don't look too foolish?" she asked.

"Why Ninotchka, if I met that dress walking alone on the boulevard I'd say, 'just a moment, you charming little dress, I want you to meet Ninotchka. You two were meant for each other.'"

He wanted to take her in his arms. She resisted saying, "It's only nine o'clock."

"That's when one-half of Paris says to the other half, 'what are your plans for the evening, Madame?'"

"Well, first, I should like to take off my hat and jacket. And could we have some music—just for us, not the radio."

"I'll play the Victoria, softly, because I have things to tell you which I can't shout."

He started a record, and seated himself on the arm of her chair. "Well, my darling . . . In an outburst of emotion he took her in his arms and kissed her. "You see, I couldn't shout that."

AFTER a silence: "Leon, you know the jokes you told me. They're not funny. They're silly, yet I wake up in the night and laugh when I think of them. And Buljanoff, and Kopalski and Iranoff—I know they're scoundrels, but I realise who made them like that, and I tear up my report to Moscow and go down and buy a silly hat. . . . Am I too talkative?"

"No, darling. Go on."

"I want to tell you something . . . which I thought I never would say, because I thought it doesn't exist. But it does, and . . . Leon . . . I . . . I can't say it."

Their eyes met, and then their lips. And that said everything.

After another silence, she said: "Leon, I want to ask you something. If you don't want to answer, you needn't. But if you do, you must tell me the truth."

"I promise. I swear."

"Did you make any change in this room?"

"I don't think so."

"When I was here before there was a photograph of a woman in a wide silver frame. What . . . what happened to the portrait?"

For answer, he opened the drawer of a desk, and there reposed the portrait.

"The Duchess Swana," she said. "She is very attractive. She has great elegance. . . . She's what you call a woman of the world, isn't she?"

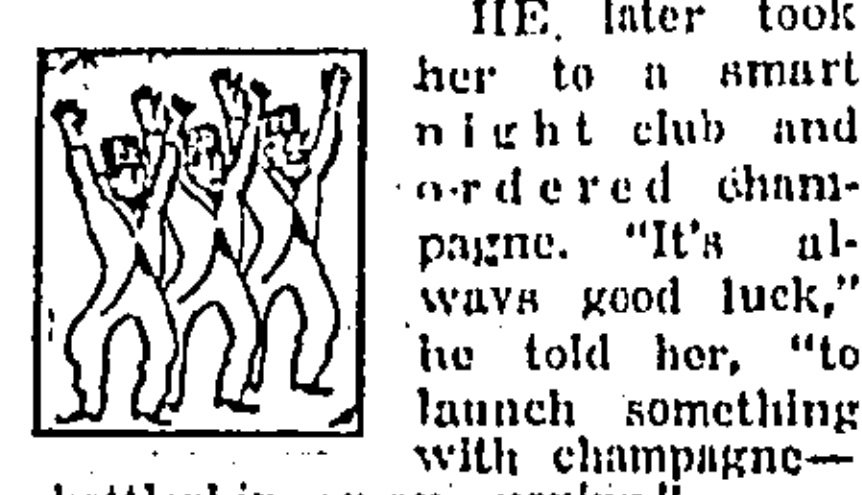
"Ninotchka, I love you."

"I suppose she is very entertaining. It must be a lot of fun to be with so witty, so glamorous."

"Ninotchka, you're jealous!"

She nodded sadly. "Leon, don't ever ask me for a picture of myself. I couldn't bear the thought of being shut up in a drawer."

He took her in his arms, murmuring, "my darling!"



HE later took her to a smart night club and ordered champagne. "It's all ways good luck," he told her, "to launch something with champagne—a battleship, or an evening."

"I wouldn't know, Leon. The closest I ever came to champagne was in a newspaper—the wife of some president throwing it at a battleship. It's funny to look back. I was brought up on goat's milk, and I had a ration of vodka in the army, and now I have champagne."

"From goats to grapes!" he laughed gaily. "That's drinking in the right direction!"

She made a face at the first sip of the unaccustomed beverage. She took a second, then another, and gradually a smile appeared. "Um-m, it's good! From what I read I thought champagne was a 'strong drink.' It's very delicate. Do people ever get drunk on this?"



"There have been cases, but the headache the next morning is worth while—if you drink it with the right toast . . . Ninotchka, to us!"

"Hello, Leon! What a surprise! You of all people! How are you, my dear?"

It was the Duchess Swana, with old General Savitsky as her partner.

Leon arose to greet them, and she continued: "Is this your new dress suit?"

"Yes, Swana."

"Didn't I tell you Benson & Benson were the tailors for you?"

"Yes, Swana, you did."

She forced an introduction. "am I interrupting?"

"Not at all. Your Highness, may I present Madame Yakushova?"

Ninotchka's greeting was as cool as that of the Duchess.

"I've some wonderful news for you, Leon? Do you mind if I sit down?"

"No, please do," he said, realising he couldn't help it.

"General," said Swana, "would you mind making my excuses at our table? I'll be back in a few minutes. . . . Well, Leon, you can be proud of our Puncty. He had a triumph at the dog show. He won another—blue—ribbon and bit the judge." She included Ninotchka: "You see, Count d'Algot gave me Puncty for my birthday. You must have searched weeks, Leon, before you found anything as divine as Puncty, didn't you?"

"Oh, months," said Leon, fed up with her tactics.

"Poor Madame Yakushova! Here we are talking in mysticisms. I'm sure you wonder what it's all about."

"Not at all. Count d'Algot gave you a dog. You made it very clear."

"Dear me, I must be losing my fitness. If I'm not careful I'll be understood by everybody."

Leon moved uncomfortably. "There's a charming crowd here tonight, isn't there?"

"I'm going, Leon," said Swana rising to point another shaft. "But before I leave I must compliment you on your gown, Madame Yakushova. Is that this year?"

"No, last year, Madame," replied Ninotchka coolly.

"Isn't it amazing! One gets a wrong impression of the new Russia. It must be charming. I'm glad conditions are so improved. I assume this is what the factory girls wear at their dances?"

"Exactly. It would have been embarrassing to wear low cut gowns in the old Russia. The fashions of the Cossacks across our backs were not very becoming, and you know how vain women are."

"You're absolutely right, about the Cossacks, smiled Swana. 'We made an unpardonable mistake when we let them use their knouts. They had such reliable guns.'"

"Will you do me a favour?" said Leon. "Stop talking about the good old days."

"A very wise suggestion, Leon I'm afraid Madame and I will never agree. The only thing we have in common is our law suit, and I understand everything will be over by Thursday. Am I right?"

"You are right, Madame," said Ninotchka.

"It is unfortunate that you have so few more days in Paris, Madame Yakushova. Leon, be sure and redouble your efforts so that Madame can take pleasant memories when she returns to Moscow. Good night."

"Now," said Ninotchka, when the Duchess had gone, "I think I need a glass of champagne."

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11.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Liszt—Ballet in B Minor, Louis Kentner (Piano); Polonaise No. 2, Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Dr. Leo Blech; Waldesrauschen, Louis Kentner (Piano).

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Mantovani and His Tiplea Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Announcements.

1.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Hall Variety"—Written and devised by Gale Pedrick. Production by Roy Speer.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children"—Nursery Rhymes, Uncle George's Party with Orchestra; Robin Hood and the Merry Men; I Love to Rhyme; Ditty Drive (Vocal) with Orchestra; Studio Story by Aunt Susan; Three Little Fishies, The Kings Men (Vocal) with Guitar.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Favourite Film "Hills"—Leave a Little, For Me, Yes, Mr. Brown, Jack Buchanan (Vocal) with Orchestra; "Love and Hises"—Selection, "Manhattan Music Box"—Selection, Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends; Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life, Indian Love Call, Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra; "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"—Selection, Patricia Resborough (Piano); I Have Eyes, The Funny Old Hills, Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.0 B.B.C. Recording—"I Remember"—A Programme of Musical Entertainment of Forty or Fifty Years Ago, devised and produced by Percy Edgar.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.05 A Concert by Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Mavis Bennett (Soprano) and Charles Kullman (Tenor)—Fantasia—At the Tchaikovsky Fountain, Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Bird of Love Divine, Valley of Laughter, Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Gerald Moore; Viennese Memories of Lehar, Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Thru, Beautiful Garden of Roses, Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; Puccini—Polpouri, Anoretentanz—Waltz, Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.45 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo with Piano accompaniment by Nura Kankis—Prelude to Cantatas No. 12 and 150 (J. S. Bach); Saxophone—Rhapsody (Eric Coates); Dance Hongroise (Rigold-Hager).

9.05 Alfredo Campbell and His Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

Studio Saxophone Recital By Palapo

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Variety with The Mills Brothers, Wilson and Leach, Connie Boswell and Vic Oliver—Piano Duet—King of Burlesque (Medley) and Three Hit (Medley), Jack Wilson and Jimmy Leach; Vic Oliver Ambles On, Vic Oliver; Knock, Knock—Who's There, Vic Oliver with Sarah Churchill; I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart, Outside of Paradise, Connie Boswell with Orchestra; Piano Duet—Fox-Trot Medley, Jack Wilson and Jimmy Leach; Swing Is the Thing, Long About Midnight, The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitars).

10.0 An hour of Dance Music—Little Heaven of the Seven Seas, Hawaiian Hospitality, Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra; The Sweetest Music This Side of Heaven, Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra; Night in the Desert, Flowery Path, Gino Borcia and His Howlans; Sweet Is the Word For You, Blue Hawaii, Eddie Carroll and The Casani Club Orchestra; Night On The La Plaza, Buen Amigo, Juan Lloassa and His Tango Orchestra; What Are We Gonna Do With Baby? I Saw A Ship A-Sailing, Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra; You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret, Moon at Sea, Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra; You Came To My Rescue, Talking Through My Heart, Henry King and His Orchestra; Do You Like Dancing? Night of Love Divine, Dajoe Bola Dance Orchestra; I Was Saying to the Moon; On A Typical Tropical Night, Regale Childs and His Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

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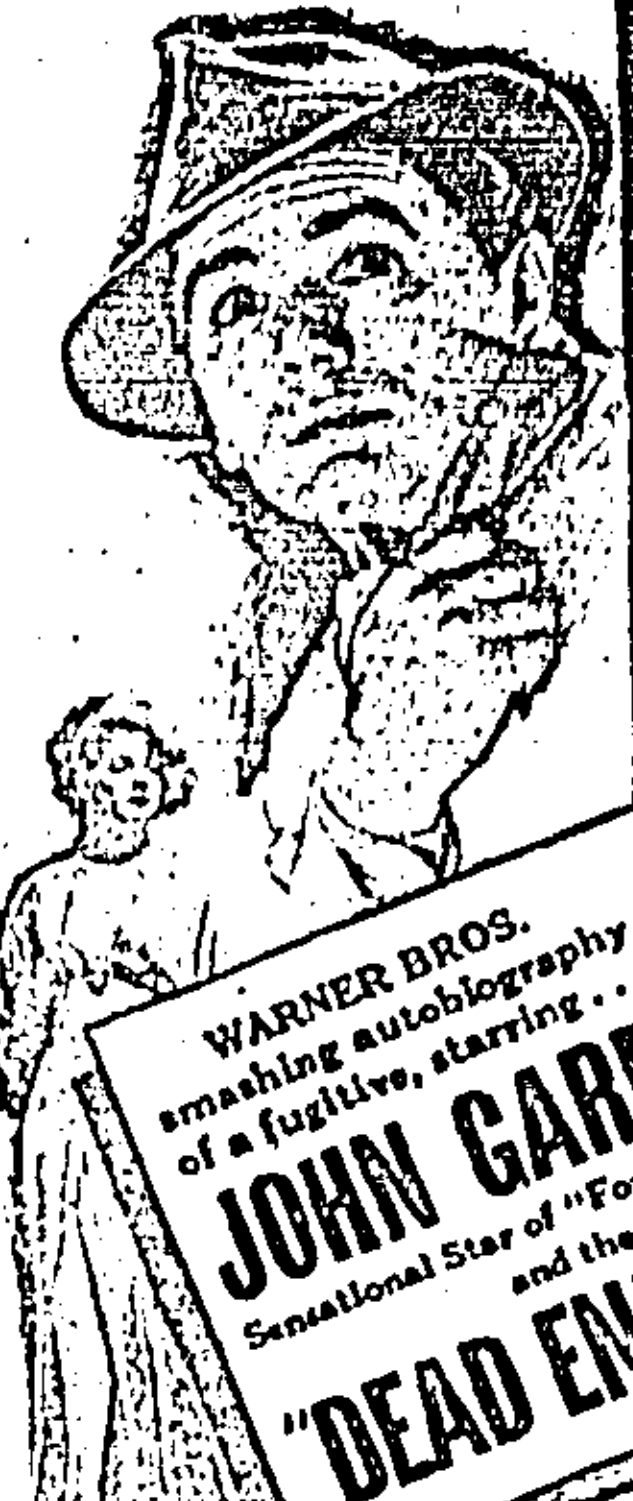
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Red Pilots Surrender

FINNISH planes have "bombed" Russian aerodromes with handbills.

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So far 14 Russian flyers have landed behind the Finnish lines and given up their planes.

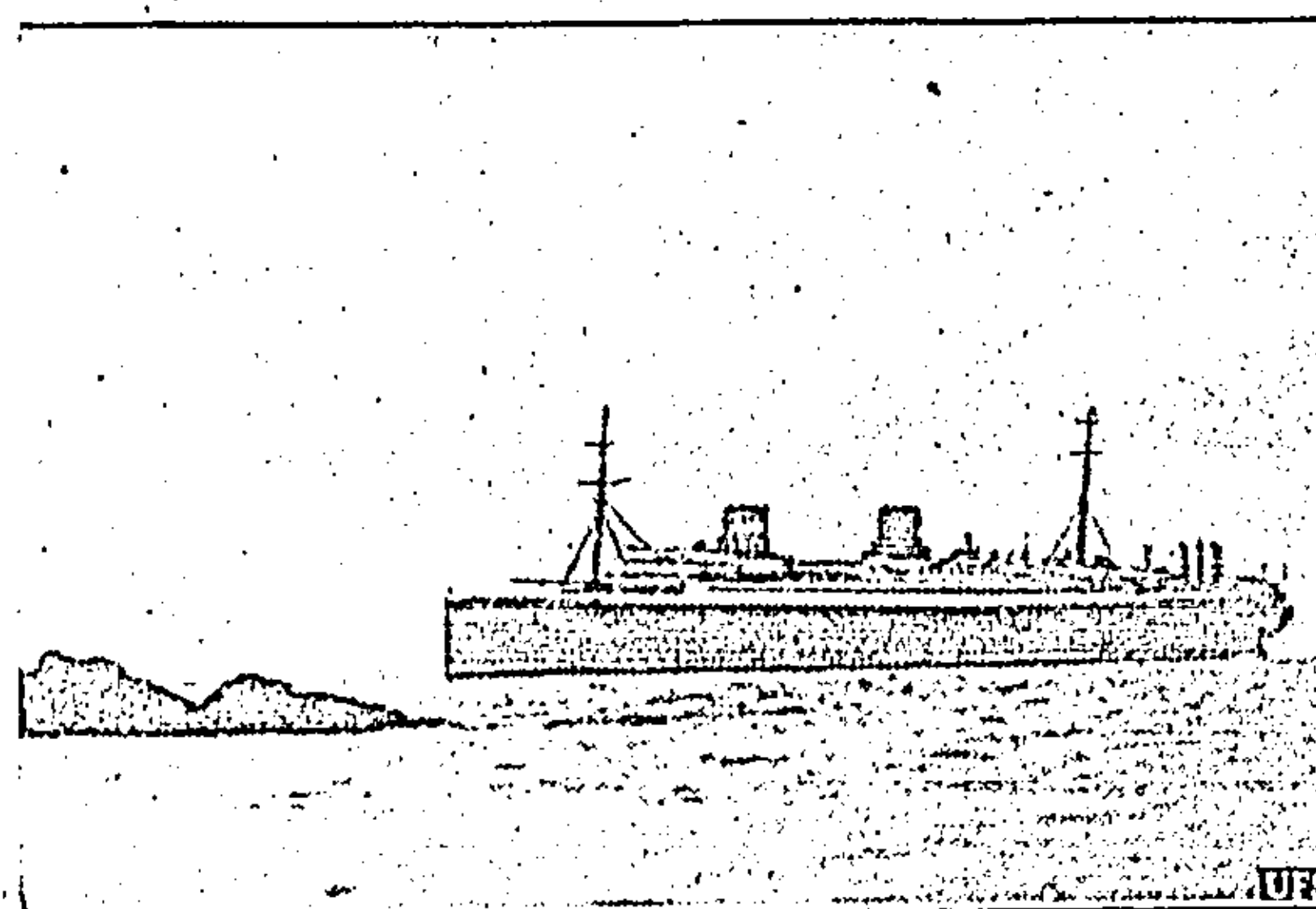
IF you went up to the Finnish front line in the Karelian Isthmus, you would be quite likely to find the troops engaged in a most unwarlike occupation: carving on trees.

But it would not be their initials that they would be cutting on the bark.

They would be carving a memorial to their fallen enemies.

There are scores of such simple memorials carved up in the frontier forests to-day, and the number is daily growing.

LINER THEY SCUTTLED



Chased by a British war-ship, the German luxury liner Columbus was scuttled by its crew 400 miles off Norfolk. Columbus is shown above at anchor in the harbour of Vera Cruz, Mexico, where she put in at outbreak of war. She was known to thousands of tourists.

AND HER SCUTTLED



Captain Daehne, who ordered the German luxury liner Columbus set afire at sea, when chased by a British battleship.

LATE NEWS

Hitler Has To Stop Exodus

AMSTERDAM. PROPAGANDA MINISTER GOEBBELS has had to impose a new gag on the much-fettered German Press.

He has ordered it at all costs to hush up the fact that the "homecoming" to the Reich of the Germans from the Baltic States has been temporarily suspended.

Nearly all German newspapers publish long articles from their special correspondents about this homecoming, as if it were still continuing merrily.

Some even print a report that before March 1, 1940, 100,000 Germans will have emigrated from Russia to Germany.

It is true enough that Hitler had agreed to admit these 100,000 to satisfy the Soviets, who regarded them as a disturbing element.

But the Fuehrer must face the fact that it is now quite impossible for him to carry out his promise.

Missing Booty

First, he has no money to spare for the costs of the immigration.

His loot in Poland was smaller than he expected. The Polish Government set its sole reserve over the frontier, and the booty anticipated from the Polish Jews did not come up to hopes.

And the homecoming of the Baltic Germans was to have been financed with this Polish booty.

Of all the promises the Nazis had made to these emigrants, only one can now be fulfilled.

They can be given land in conquered Poland: there is enough of that.

But there is not the least hope of replacing for them the capital they had to leave behind in their Baltic homes.

Many of them, seeing no future ahead, have already committed suicide in despair.

B.E.F.-S.O.S. FOR OIL LAMPS

Mr. Burgin, the Minister of Supply, cannot supply the Army with the oil lamps it needs.

He has now asked the public to give him 24,000 lamps which are urgently needed to light Army huts.

One newspaper states: "If you have an oil lamp you are asked to hand it to the nearest military station or send it, carriage paid, to the Central Ordnance Depot, Didscot, Berks."

Carrington paid Mr. Burgin, Minister of Supply, you might at least have supplied your benefactors with the postage stamp. If you run short of funds, we might be able to supply you, carriage paid, with the old blunder-bus that hangs in the hall or the primitive pistol grandfather carried in the Crimea.

An official of one of the largest oil lamp manufacturers in the country remarked: "Had we been warned last September that something like fifty times our usual annual output would be wanted, we could have arranged to make the lamps even in a few months."

You see the twisted remnants of a Soviet tank, a low mound in the snow-covered ground alongside, and on the tree the brief words: "Here lie three Russian soldiers."

Guns Sent For

It is at the point where the River Vuoksi enters Lake Ladoga that this isthmus fighting has been fiercest.

Here, and to the south, the Russians are bringing up heavy artillery, to batter themselves a way through.

But it is not so easy to bring up heavy guns through dense forest over ground strewn with boulders ranging in size from that of a football to that of an elephant.

Particularly when the Finnish Air Force is constantly harrying the Soviet supply columns.

Finland's artillery marksmanship is not to be sneezed at either. A recent official communique speaks of seven Soviet tanks being destroyed in the isthmus fighting.

The communique also spoke of a two-hour naval battle in which direct hits on Russian warships are believed to have been scored.

Strategically, the most interesting struggle at the moment is that ranging on the "fourth front," where the Russians are trying to break across the "waist of Finland" to the Baltic.

Victory Claim

So far unconfirmed reports from this sector declare that the Finns have gained a big victory near the village of Suomussalmi.

The village was taken by the Russians recently. The Finns launched a violent counter-attack and caught a large Russian force in a trap.

Hundreds are said to have been taken prisoners.

Red Army communiques claim that the Russians continued to advance "on all fronts."

Soviet troops were stated to have occupied the town of Pitkanen, on the northern bank of Lake Ladoga, which is the railway terminus leading to Serdobol.

They Asked Garrison Of 5,000

FINLAND'S Government recently issued a White Book detailing the progress of the Soviet-Finnish negotiations, and outlining Russia's demands and Finland's attitude.

The full Soviet demands were thus published in Finland for the first time.

They were designed "to make possible the blocking of the Gulf of Finland by artillery from the Finnish and Estonian coasts, to prevent enemy warships or transports entering the Gulf of Finland."

The Russian demand for a 30-year lease of the Finnish port of Hangö has already been disclosed.

The White Book revealed that Moscow wanted to keep a garrison for the protection of the Hangö base, of one infantry regiment, two anti-aircraft batteries, three air force regiments, and one battalion of armoured cars.

The total "was not to exceed 5,000 men."

Finnish counter-proposals included willingness to cede all the islands Russia wished for except Hangö, which Finland desired to discuss further.

But Finland would not hear of leasing Hangö, maintaining that this would be inconsistent with her policy of strict neutrality.

Later the Soviet proposed to buy Hangö outright, declaring that this would be in accordance with Finland's neutrality. Finland, however, refused.

And Russia asserted that the cessation of a naval base at Hangö was "an absolutely indispensable minimum for safe-guarding the defences of Leningrad."

Russia Draws Veil Over War

MOSCOW.

MOSCOW radio has closed down without mentioning the war in Finland.

Except for the official war communique, there is little news of the fighting in the Press.

It is clear from the communique that any gains that may have been made are insignificant.

Premier in given, however, to the German denial that the Nazis are sending arms to Finland.

Russian military headquarters at Leningrad denied that dum-dum bullets or poison gas had been used against the Finns.

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On Friday, the 9th February, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Kowloon Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. The Branch Post Office at Stanley, Tai Po and Ma Lung will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the times given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

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Shanghai Feb. 6.
Straits Feb. 6.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 31st January, Feb. 7.

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th January, Feb. 8.
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OUTWARD MAILS

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A. B. PURVES,

Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1940.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Chuk Un, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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PARIS, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—To-day's

communiqué states that early this morning a sharp encounter with an enemy reconnoitring party turned out to our advantage.

THE "ASAMA MARU" AND BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

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enemy persons, are illustrative of such instances.

HOWEVER, since the middle of the 19th century, and especially after the case of the "Trent" (1861), the duties of neutrals have become less lax, and the penalties not so harsh, as it used to be during the period around the Napoleonic Wars. And by 1909, when the Declaration of London was drawn up, the relations between neutrals and belligerents, as far as rights and duties were concerned, became fairly well defined. Take for example, such vague phrase like "noxious persons" which had often been used previously in connection with unneutral service, for persons whom a belligerent claimed to have the right to make prisoners of war, find no place in this international naval convention. Articles 45 to 47, of the unratified Declaration of London, clearly laid down the rules regarding unneutral service and the penalties therefor. The article, which both contestants in the "Asama Maru" case have referred to, concerning the carriage of military persons on neutral ship, says: "Any individual embodied in the armed force of the enemy and who is found on board a neutral merchant-vessel, may be made prisoner of war, even though there be no ground for the capture of the vessel (Art. 47)."

"Although here the duty to abstain from carrying enemy military persons is not expressly imposed on a neutral, it gives the belligerent the right to remove such persons from the neutral ship, irrespectively of the fact whether or not such ship is condemned. It has thus replaced the views and practices prevailed in former days that the enemy persons on board a neutral ship should not be made prisoners of war, unless the ship was brought in for adjudication or condemned (See the "Trent" case).

DESPITE the fact that the Declaration of London still remains unratified and, that its application had been denounced by Great Britain on July 7, 1916, during the last war, it has embodied in a single code the best guiding principles concerning naval warfare rules in existence.

It was intended and agreed by the Powers participating in the drawing up of these rules that "they should correspond in substance with the generally recognized principles of international law."

The question seems to be what interpretation both Japan and Great Britain might give to the rules in the Declaration, supposing that they would rely more or less on these under review. I shall have occasion to refer to the interpretations which Great Britain gave to these rules, and the cases decided during the last war, when the question of belligerent rights vis-a-vis the "Asama Maru" incident is discussed in another article.

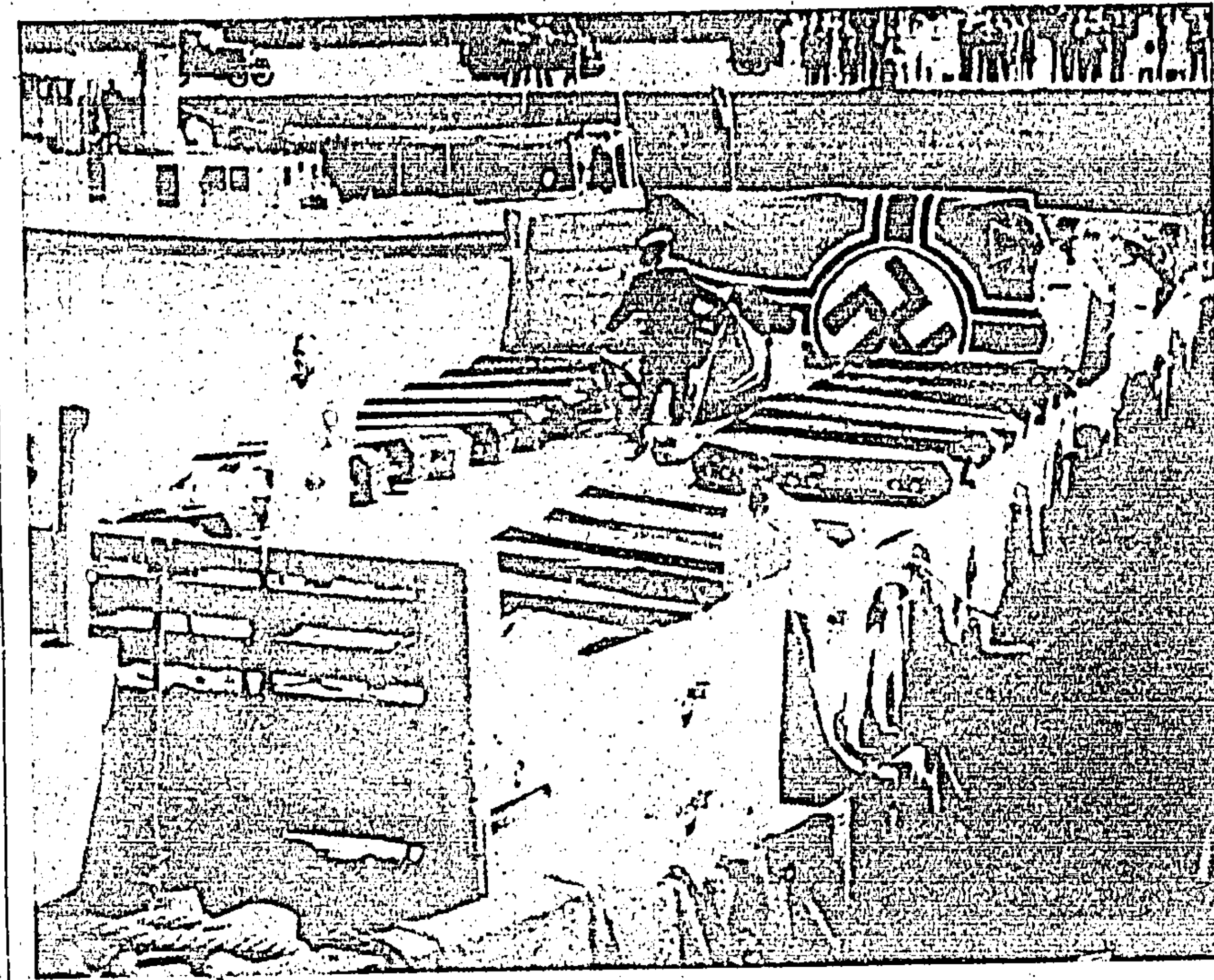
NAZIS DEFY LAWS OF SEA

U-BOATS are now operating within the three-mile limit of neutral countries.

A Greek ship and two British merchantmen have been sunk within the three-mile limit of the Norwegian coast.

A fourth vessel it is believed, has also been sunk in territorial waters.

An inquiry is being held by the Norwegian Government into these sinkings in flagrant defiance of the rights of neutral states.



THIS GRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPH shows the coffin containing the Admiral Graf Spee's dead coming ashore for funeral in Montevideo.

The funeral was attended by British Marines who had been interned aboard the German Raider after their ships had been sunk. Shortly afterwards, the Admiral Graf Spee steamed out of Montevideo harbour and was scuttled.

I.R.A. Man Betrayed By False Teeth

FATHER AND SON JAILED AS BOMBERS

Wore Shamrock In Court

A 23-YEAR-OLD Irishman, William Bradley, was said at Birmingham assizes to have been identified because a set of teeth found in the street fitted him.

With Stanley Joseph Rice, aged 27, he was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude for conspiring to cause an explosion. Patrick M'Brine, aged 57, Rice's father, was sentenced to 15 years.

All three wore shamrock sprigs in their buttonholes and refused to plead. Mr. Richard O'Sullivan, K.C., prosecuting, said after letter-box faces in Birmingham a letter containing explosive material was found in the street, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty in the handwriting of M'Brine.

Hands Burned

Then something exploded in Bradley's pocket, and he and Rice ran away. At Rice's lodgings more explosive material was found up in the street were found to fit Bradley, who was found sitting in a Holyhead train with one of his hands badly burned. Rice and Bradley were found guilty of possessing explosives, causing an explosion, and conspiracy to cause an explosion, and M'Brine guilty of conspiracy and not guilty of the other two charges.

Inspector Mackenzie said that M'Brine had been a member of the I.R.A. for many years, and in 1920 was responsible for serious crimes in Northern Ireland. He was sentenced for two years and released when he entered into a recognizance.

Brothers Expelled

Bradley was one of a well-known family of I.R.A. members. Two of his brothers had been expelled from Birmingham, and he came to take their place.

Rice had been under the influence of his father, who, there was no doubt, had taken a very active part in outrages in Birmingham.

His handwriting had been identified on many envelopes containing incendiary bombs which had been posted in Birmingham, and some of which had exploded as far away as London, Northampton and Manchester.

Goering's Hopes As New Fuehrer

By WILLI FRISCHAUER

DOES GOERING think he would be acceptable to the Allies as an alternative to Hitler?

Well-informed neutral diplomats believe that he is under this impression and is acting accordingly.

They say that Goering is convinced he has a chance where Hitler failed to secure peace for Germany in the near future and save his country from inevitable economic catastrophe.

That, they declare, accounts for the repeated warnings in the newspapers controlled by him that the blockade is confronting Germany with a serious problem and that the country is feeling the pinch already.

These admissions are in sharp contrast to the "everything in the larder's lovely" boasts of the official Nazi "Voelkischer Beobachter."

ACCORDING to reliable information Goering has been suffering from this "Crown-Prince" complex ever since Hitler nominated him as successor in the leadership of Germany.

In Schorfelde, Goering's country estate, a Nazi shadow Government is functioning. Goering holds court there surrounded by a few generals and industrial leaders.

Whatever their plans, they must be distasteful to Hitler who is said to regret the announcement of his dramatic political testament at the outbreak of the war.

He cannot play off Goering against Hess and both of them against Himmler any longer.

And he cannot drop his successor.

"ENEMIES in your rear."

With this warning the "Voelkischer Beobachter" continues a hate campaign against British prisoners of war in Germany which was launched with an official caution against them.

Its half-page article betrays a fear of prisoners such as is never admitted towards the British or French soldier in the field.

During the last war, the article claims, 107,000 prisoners managed to escape from Germany.

And those who did not escape sent information to France and Britain under stamps of their censored letters and smuggled out newspaper cuttings with "a wealth of information."

They even hid secret codes in nuts. "Nuts to the Nazis" is the only reply one can give.



H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,400/10 sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £87 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £.....80 n.
Chartered £.....8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....28 3/4 n.
Mercantile, C. £.....11 1/4 n.
East Asia \$.....70 n.

INSURANCES
Canton \$.....212 1/2 n.
Unions \$.....405 n.
China Underwriter \$.....14 s.
H.K. Fire \$.....180 b.

SHIPPING
Douglases \$.....100 b.
Steamboats \$.....10 1/2 n.
Indo-China \$.....100 n.
Indo-China D.S. \$.....80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-.....70/14 1/2 n.
Waterboats \$.....7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....103 n.
Docks \$.....2170 b.
Providents \$.....4.60 b. & sa.
New Eng. Sh. \$.....20 1/4 n.
Sh. Docks \$.....305 n.

MINING
Kallan s/-.....10/- n.
Rauhs \$.....10 n.
Venz. Gold \$.....4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....3 1/2 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$.....5 1/4 b.
Lands \$.....34 1/4 b.
Lands 4% Debentures.....100 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....17.40 n.
Humphreys \$.....8 1/4 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....4.55 b.
Chinese Estates \$.....101 n.

UTILITIES
Trans \$.....17.70 b. & sa.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....4 n.
Star Ferries \$.....68 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....7 1/2 b.
China Lights (new) \$.....4.05 b.
H.K. Electric \$.....55 1/4 b.
Sandon Electric \$.....20 1/4 n.
Sundakan Lights \$.....11 1/4 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....24 1/2 b.
Telephones (new) \$.....6.00 n.
Traction s/-.....10/- n.
Traction (Pref.) s/-.....10/- n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cold. Minc. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....14.00 n.
Cold. Minc. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....12 n.
Cement (Lon.) \$.....1 n.
Cement (H.K.) \$.....1 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....6 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms (old) \$.....21 1/4 b.
Dairy Farms (new) \$.....20 1/4 b.
Watsons \$.....9.20 b. & sa.

Railway Bombing WIFE OF FRENCH OFFICIAL KILLED

KUNMING, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—Rescue and identification work connected with Thursday's raid by Japanese planes on the railway between Haiphong and Kunming is more complicated than ever following Saturday's raid.

The fact that the passenger car in which all Thursday's damage was done is completely destroyed has added to the difficulty of the officials who rushed to the scene.

The only casualty names so far divulged are those of Madame Davlet, wife of a French District Inspector connected with the Railway, and her child.

M. Davlet is at present in Chungking.

Fine Work By One Squadron

LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wireless).—On Saturday a single squadron of Hawker Hurricanes was responsible for the shooting down of two Heinkels, crippling a fourth, and chasing away a fourth. On the previous Tuesday, two of the pilots attacked a couple of Heinkels off the Northumbrian coast and saw one of them dive into the sea and break up.

This squadron was thus responsible for the destruction of three out of the four raiders known to have been destroyed in these two days' engagements, and it is to be remembered that the Royal Air Force counts as destroyed only those seen to crash and not those, no matter how badly damaged, that manage to evade the coup de grace but nevertheless possibly do not get back to their bases.

Between 1910 and 1918, the predecessors of this squadron brought down 149 German aircraft in France. This squadron includes a flight Lieutenant from South Africa and a flying Officer from New Zealand.

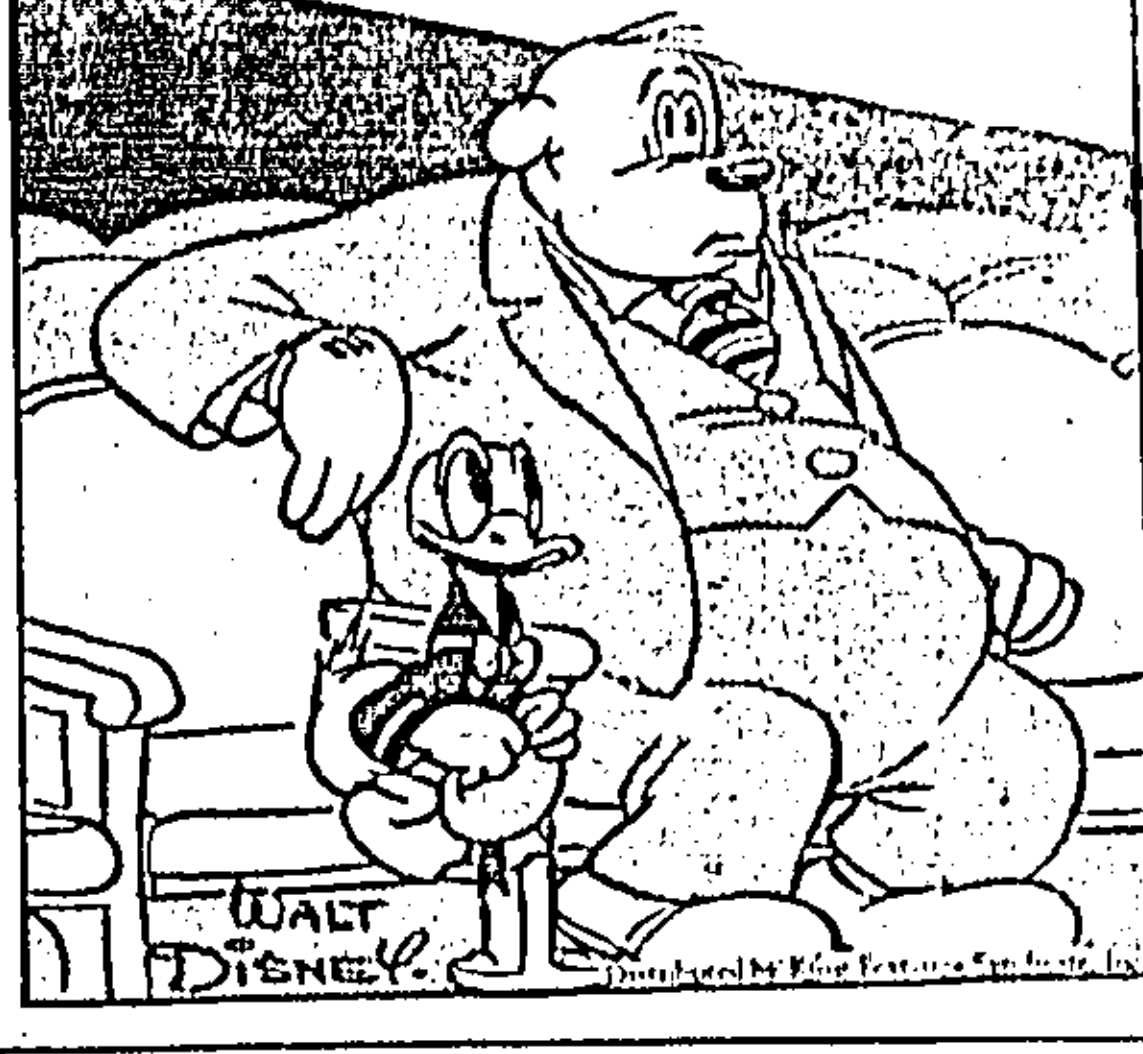
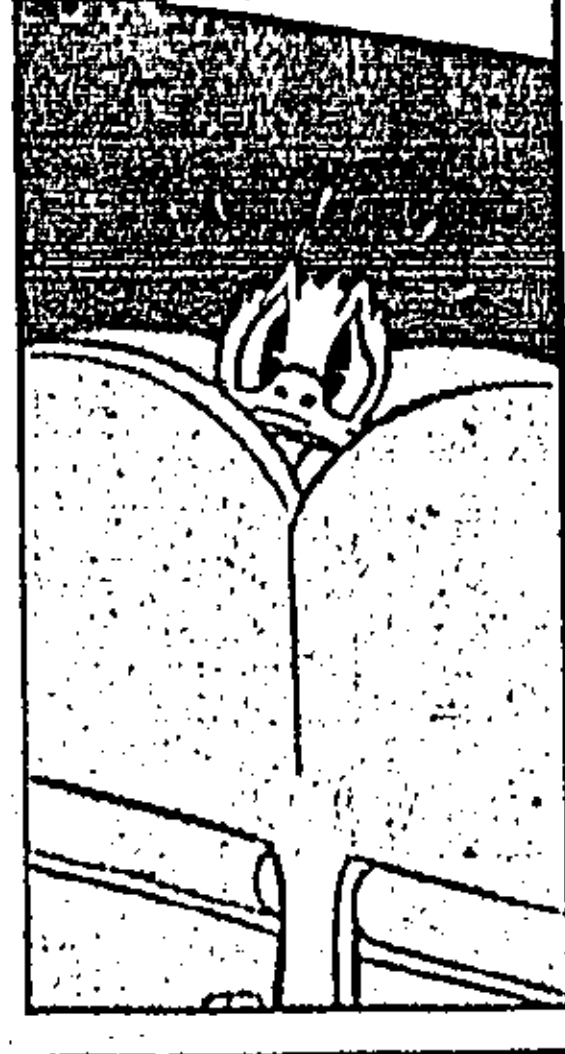
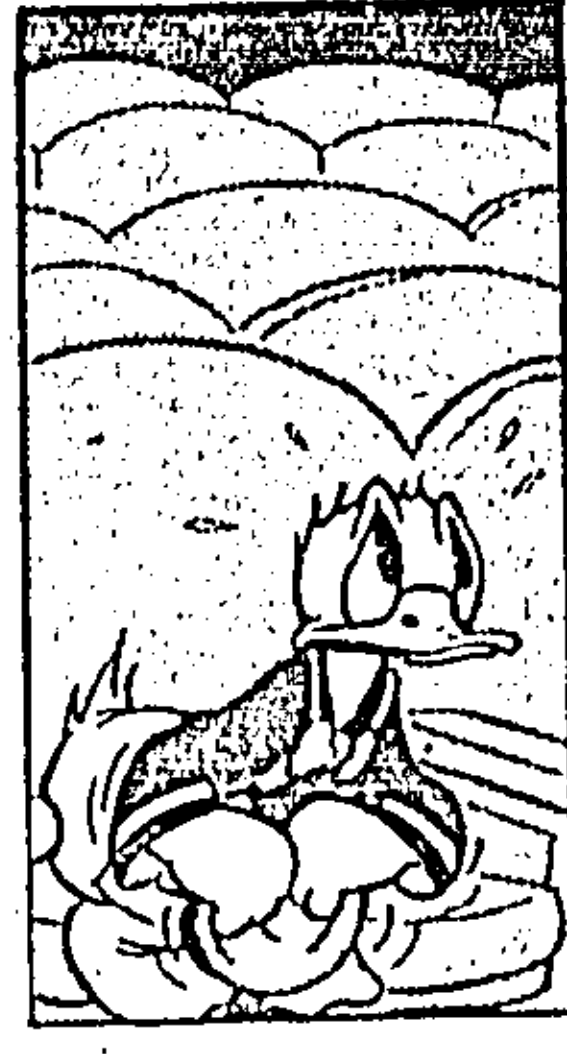
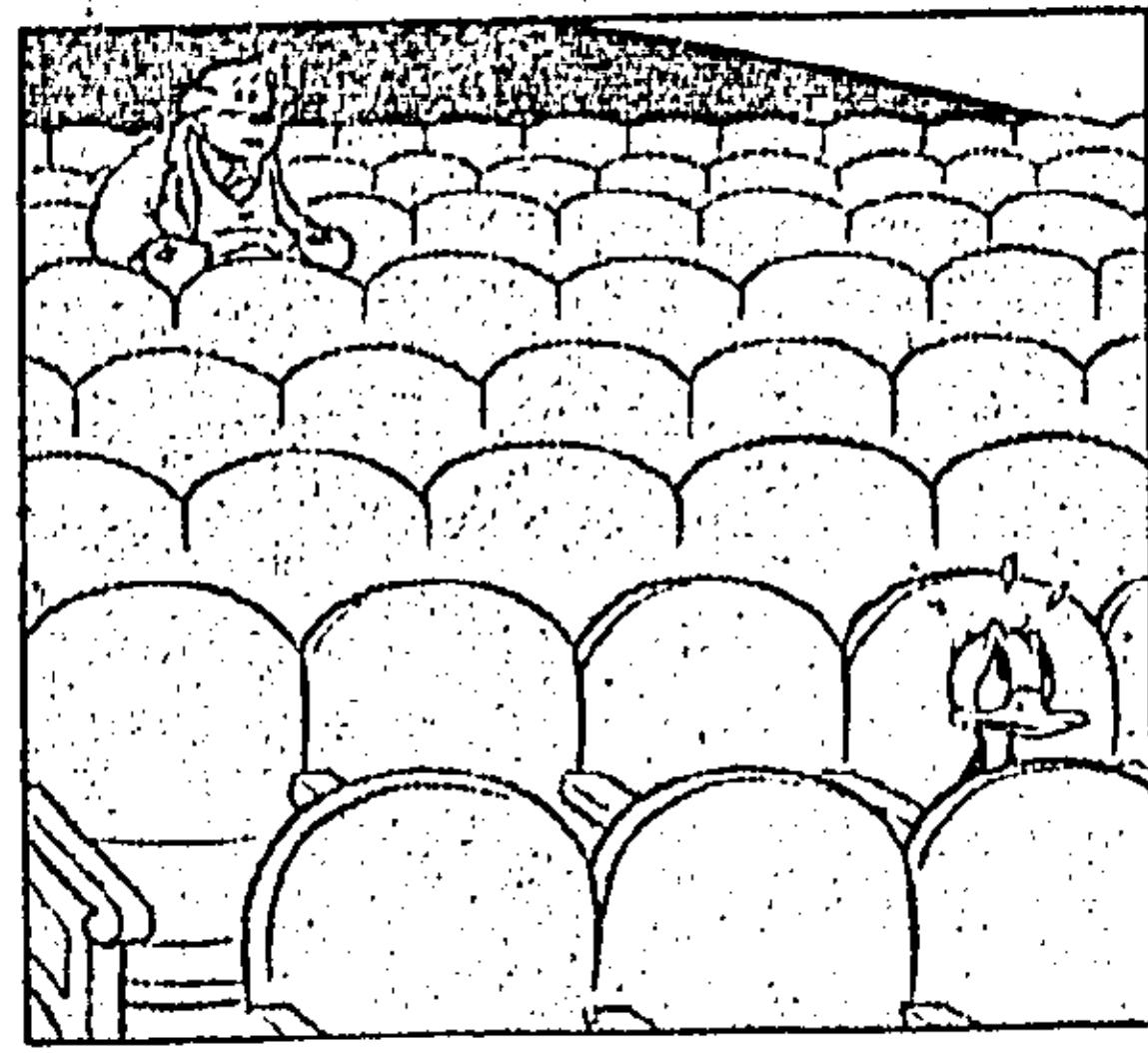
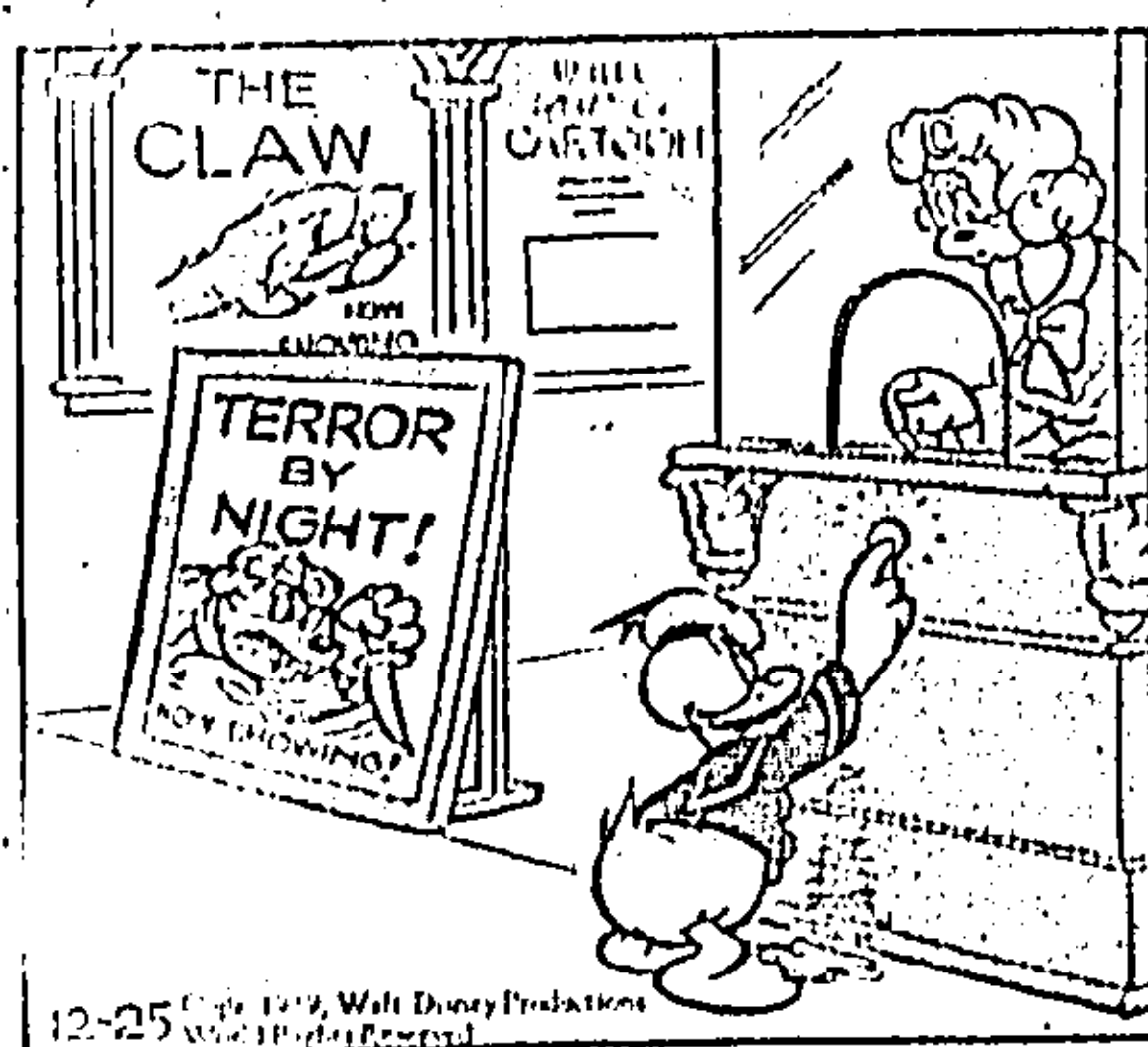
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Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
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Fleeing From War's Hum



FIFTY these bees. They are three of thousands evacuated from French farms and gardens in front of the Maginot Line. They're all dressed up with nowhere to go.

Separating Work Of The League

LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wireless).—The League of Nations Committee, consisting of representatives of ten states—Australia, Argentina, Turkey, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom—meets at The Hague on February 7.

This body arises out of the recommendations of the committee appointed in May, 1939, presided over by Mr. S. M. Bruce to consider and report on the best methods of separating the technical work of the League from political activities owing to a general feeling that the former has been unduly subordinated to the latter. The Committee's special object was to facilitate the co-operation of non-member states in the League's economic, financial and sociological activities.

Committee Appointed

In the report adopted by the Assembly in December, Mr. Bruce's Committee recommended the appointment of a "Central Committee" with the duty of arranging, supervising, extending and directing the non-political work of the League.

In order to implement the recommendation of the League, the Assembly decided to appoint an "Organizing Committee" and it is this body which meets at The Hague. It is organized in official quarters that it is hoped the Committee will prove to be the nucleus out of which a Central Committee will grow, but it is pointed out that much spade-work must be accomplished before this hoped-for result can be reached, and the work now to be undertaken at The Hague is necessarily of a preparatory nature. No final or far-reaching decisions are anticipated at this stage.

Spirit Of The Empire

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The essential strength of the Commonwealth lay in its being an association of free people, said Mr. Anthony Eden in a speech on Saturday.

Some short-sighted observers, he said, believed that the dominions would not stand by Britain's side. They failed to understand the spirit of the British Empire which lay in its greater freedom.

We were fighting not only to maintain but also to keep the progress in freedom of mind and spirit, of which the British Empire was a living example, he concluded.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Come, come, Quince! This is a love scene and you're playing it like a married man!"

Japan And China Policy

Country Does Not Know What She Wants

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—In a leader on the Saito incident in the Japanese Diet, the Sino-American newspaper, "China Press," describes the incident as an "illuminating example of what can happen to a Japanese citizen when he attempts to speak plainly."

After stating that Saito was expressing the bewilderment of the majority of the Japanese as to where the China policy was leading the nation, the "China Press" says: "Although Saito did not succeed in getting answers to his questions, his case has brought into sharp relief one dominant factor of Japanese politics to-day: the main difficulty in settling the China Affair is that Japan does not know what she wants."

"If she could only clarify her basic aims and minimum conditions for achieving a settlement of the war in China, the incident, which has dragged on for two and a half years and which at present shows no sign of coming to an early finish, would be considerably nearer the end."

Opportunity Missed

"Saito's efforts in the Diet afforded a valuable opportunity to Japanese leaders to do their thinking aloud—a worthwhile exercise for clearing up muddled minds."

Unfortunately for Japan, the members of the Diet preferred to ignore arrogantly Saito's opportune remarks... and in so doing they intentionally closed their minds to any frank discussion which might have led to a clarification of Japan's war aims.

SAUNA

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swimming calmly beside Eli in the silky water and she is telling me how in the North of Finland families spend four or five hours boiling themselves in a sauna and in winter, when the lakes are frozen, they roll in the snow afterwards!

And eventually I am dressing in the little wooden hut, sleepily groping for my Louis Philippe and a comb.

A lipstick... but how out of place is such sophistication! I have gone Back To Nature.

I am cleaner than I have ever been before. I am hungry.

And I am so sleepy, so very VERY sleepy...

WESTERN FRONT

FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS

PARIS, Feb. 5, (Reuter).—The official communiqué of the French Headquarters yesterday, in referring to a "sharp encounter with an enemy reconnoitring party," conceals in the phrase one of the liveliest actions in the present war.

The reconnoitring party is reported to have consisted of several companies, and a cut and thrust engagement at close quarters lasted for several hours.

The French took a number of prisoners.

Robbed Candy Shop: Goes To Gaol

When pretty, 20-year-old Barbara Folk, who runs the candy store at the Cathay Cinema opened her cash box a few days ago, she found that it had been cleared out by a thief.

On the following day a young man named Lau Fan, whom she had dismissed from her employ on January 31, returned and demanded arrears of pay. Barbara became suspicious and called in the police, who found \$130 in Lau's possession.

This morning Lau pleaded guilty to shop breaking before Mr. H. G. Sheldon in the Central Magistracy and was sent to prison for six weeks.

Post-War Schoolboy "Finds His Soul"

Mr. A. M. Wolmsley, of Northampton said this of evacuation at the Assistant Masters' Conference at Oxford: "The pre-war schoolboy could hardly call his soul his own. Everything was organized for him. Now, perforce, he has been given a breathing space. Education was suffering from bureaucratic control."

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R2009—Love will find a way. My hero. Destiny. Alice blue gown. If you were the only girl. I'll see you again. (Waltz).

F1921—Sweet Sue. Hebble-Jeebles. Rockin' chair. Lazy day. Georgia on my mind. I wonder where my baby is to-night.

R1859—Memories of you. Rain. Good-bye blues. I got rhythm. Happy feet. Everybody loves my baby. It don't mean a thing.

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Shortage Of Coal Caused By Weather

LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wireless).—Throughout Britain considerable difficulties are being experienced in obtaining supplies of coal owing to transport problems occasioned by the severity of recent weather conditions.

Glasgow, among other big cities, is suffering and the expedient is being adopted of cutting down a number of trees in the city's parks and supplying wood for fuel.

However, a leading official of the local Fuel Control Office said that although still acute, the position was improving while an official of the Mines Department has said that the general coal shortage was being over-

Annual Match At Kowloon G.C.

The following teams have been chosen for the President v. Vice-President match of the Kowloon Golf Club on Thursday, February 8:

Starting Times

9.00 R. K. Collings v. A. E. Davies.

9.04 A. J. Dennis v. W. A. Stewart.

9.08 T. B. Low v. W. V. Ahern.

9.12 F. C. Barry v. W. C. Simpson.

9.16 T. Lamb v. E. F. Fletcher.

9.20 S. Jex v. W. Bastin.

9.24 W. Kershaw v. N. Hardie.

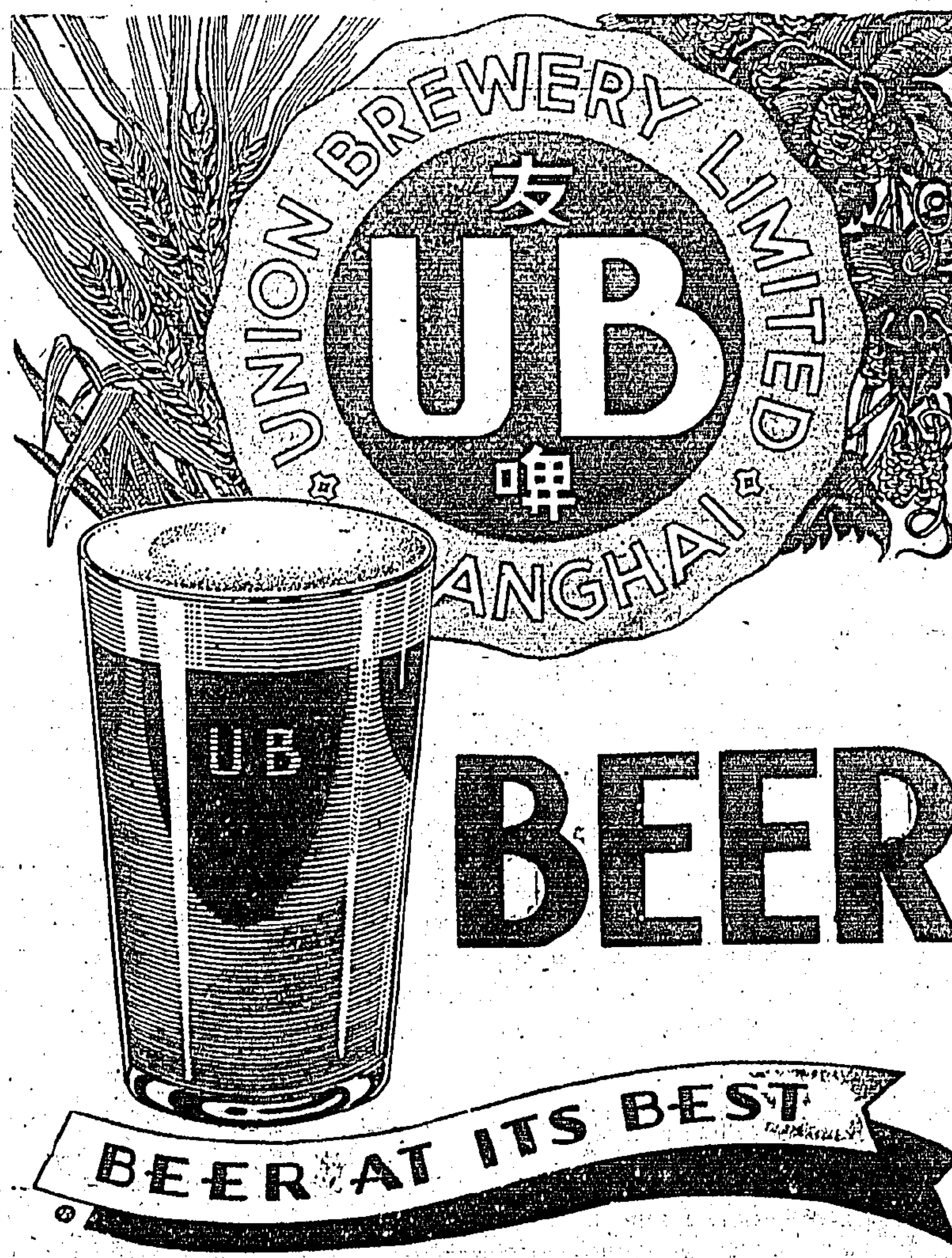
9.28 J. R. Humble v. E. O. Murphy.

9.32 V. C. Labrum v. D. L. Williams.

9.36 J. Coles v. W. Davenport.

9.40 A. Buttfield v. T. Henderson.

come and that they hoped that supplies would be greatly increased by Monday.



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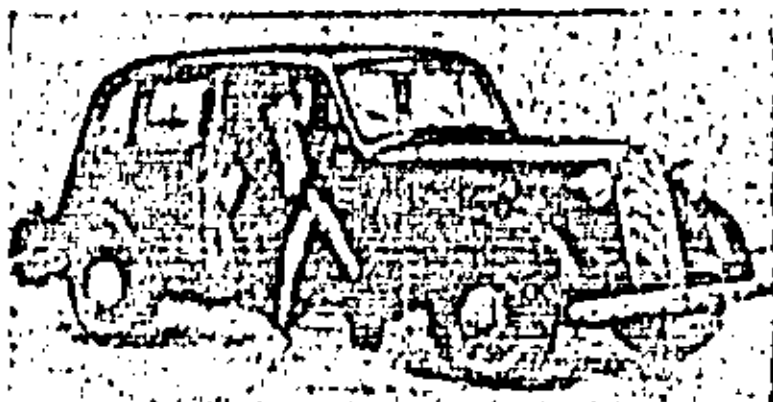
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The R.A.F.

It has often been argued that the capacity of modern aircraft must render our sea-borne supplies precarious. The experience of the first months of war is all against such theories. Coastal air patrols by their action against enemy submarines have proved a formidable increase of our power to command the sea. They are so dreaded that their mere presence, prisoners have confessed, often deters a U-boat captain from attack on merchant shipping. German frightfulness may yet devise some fresh tactics for her sink-at-sight warfare, but thus far we have been more successful in restricting its effects than we had a right to hope. The Fighter Command which must deal with any German bombers sent against us has not yet gone into action, but results of our reconnaissance over Germany and of co-operation with the French Air Force over the Siegfried Line supply strong reasons for belief that enemy squadrons would pay a heavy toll.

Technical evidence now in the possession of the Air Ministry discloses that "our latest fighters are definitely better than their German counterparts." This is confirmed by the startling records of flights of our Bomber Command across Germany, testing defences, observing troop concentrations, dropping leaflets and reaching the great majority of the objectives. There have inevitably been losses, though far less than the Germans have claimed. But the freedom of movement of our aircraft, day after day and night after night far across Germany, and the German official denials of their presence—over Berlin for example—though searchlights and guns blazed at them, give us a heartening standard of comparison of air strength. Reconnaissance is the major purpose, and the distribution of leaflets to the German people is of secondary importance. But it is well that they should be warned of the dangers upon which their Fuehrer's madness has driven them.

We have still to wait for the maximum effort of the Air Force, which should certainly be reserved for the time and the place at which it will have the greatest effect. The scale of that effort is growing rapidly. Production of aircraft has now reached more than twice the large pre-war output. Still further expansion is being arranged. But most important of all developments is the scheme of co-operation with the Dominions: Canada, Australia and New Zealand have agreed to train pilots and other personnel and produce aircraft on a new and far greater scale. Thus the resources and the areas of the Empire free from any risk of enemy attack will be utilised to the utmost for the creation of Air Forces to defend the whole British Commonwealth of Nations. Such a manifold union of Imperial effort has never before been devised. Each Dominion will have its own training schools, but advanced courses are to be concentrated in Canada. There many of our own Air Force recruits, as well

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A 'BELGIAN'

THERE are two weak spots in the £60,000,000 Maginot Line—its ends. One end reaches Switzerland, at Basle. The other reaches Belgium, at Malmédy.

If invading armies can force their way round the ends France's elaborate shield will be about as useful as the Great Wall of China.

The German High Command must have given a lot of consideration to the choice between these two weak spots. Jagged mountains defend the Swiss end; but what are the prospects at the Belgian end?

The danger-zone is a twenty-five-mile broad district jutting into Germany between Holland and Luxembourg, called Liege. The airports are: 80 miles to Brussels, 200 miles to Paris. Next to the frontier lie two small patches of land named Eupen and Malmédy (pronounced Oy-pen, Malmédy).

Hitler has always wanted them—once they were German. He plotted to get them by incessant propaganda—as he got the Saar. But for once his plans fizzled out. At the elections last spring the German party failed to win a single seat in either of these districts.

Many Belgians will not want to help defend this gap—because Belgium is really two countries. Technically speaking, there is no such thing as a dyed-in-the-wool Belgian. In the north you have the pro-German Flemings. In the south are the Walloons, who are pro-French. They hate each other so much that if you ask the way in Antwerp (a Fleming city) the man you ask will sometimes purposely mis-

direct you, thinking you are a Walloon. That's how neighbourly they are.

King Leopold has been working to unite these two factions. A German attack may show if he has succeeded. About the only ways Belgium resembles Holland are in size and population. Belgium is Roman Catholic, Holland is Protestant. Belgium is, with Saxony, the most highly industrialised country in Europe. Holland depends greatly on her dairy farming.

The Dutch problem is to sell her surplus agricultural produce. The Belgian problem is to find enough farms for her labourers to work on. She has one and a half times as many people to the square mile as Britain, twice as many as Germany. Hitler's prattle about "living space" makes the Belgians laugh cynically. Belgium is the most overcrowded country in Europe.

Belgium pulled herself together gallantly after the war, restoring her finances, improving her trade and raising the standard of living of the working classes.

But when Hitler raises the cry "Give us back our colonies," even the Flemings don't feel so pro-German. Because part of Belgium's huge colony in the Congo, eighty times as large as herself, was taken from Germany after the last war. Belgians poured money into this new district, called it "Astrida" after their dead Queen.

No Belgians would not like to see Germany win the war.

Gordon Taylor

SAUNA

"FIRST we will explore the island and then we'll have a bath about 3 o'clock," my hostess said this morning.

It sounds an odd programme. . . . when in Finland, do as the Finns do.

However, she seems to have changed her mind for we have explored everything and are strolling about the garden. A tiny, crimson-painted hut stands by the lake. She pushes open its door and

we enter a minute cabin with a bench in it and some pegs on the wall.

"Undress here," she says briefly.

This is a shock. "Here . . . is this? . . . No bathing-dress . . . You mean a bath?" I babbled. "You need no costume," she says and behold she is nude and disappearing through another door.

I AM alone. And awful sounds of crackling and splashing come through that second door and the very walls feel hot.

WHAT am I in for? I am scared but dare not run away.

England expects, etc. . . . Naked, I feel even less brave. I clutch my coat as a last link with the life I know and push open the other door.

A cloud of boiling steam completely blinds me and my timid feet slide on a wet, stone floor. Gradually my eyes pierce the fog and I see Elli's pink form hurling buckets-full of cold water

as those of Australia and New Zealand, will have their final preparation for service. This scheme has been inspired by far-sighted judgment of the conditions of the world and the potentiality of the British Empire. We may now look forward to an Imperial "power" of overwhelming strength. At times and men will vindicate freedom and justice in the spirit of that noble Squadron motto, "I spread my wings, and I keep my promise."

on to huge boulders piled on a cracking stove. She pokes another bundle of faggots into the fire and turns to reassure her foreign guest.

"You cannot breathe?" she asks politely. "This will make you better." And she dips her fingers into a bowl of cold water and presses them gently on to my throbbing eyelids. Gratefully I take the bowl and follow her up to the wooden gallery made out of smooth slats set an inch or so apart.

Here Elli gives me another jolt by flicking me unexpectedly with a bunch of wet birch-leaves. They smell delicious. . . .

"This will make you perspire," she says and flicks away impartially at herself and me.

I FIND myself reciprocating with ever-decreasing diligence and another bundle of birch-leaves till we are both giggling childishly. I believe I am enjoying myself. . . .

Elli tells me to lie down and relax. A delicious languor steals over me. The wooden slatted bench is not really uncomfortable. There is, something, decidedly, about these Finnish baths. . . .

Elli's voice comes to me through a haze of dreams. "Time to go now. Twenty minutes is long enough for your first bath. We go to the lake." Drowsily, contentedly, I pick up my sodden coat, forgotten in a pool of water by the door. So dazed with relaxed warmth I am that I hardly realise that Elli is leading me, pink and boiled and still naked, ACROSS THE GARDEN.

But the gardeners work on unconcernedly.

Gradually the cool air revives me and as we run through the crisp-cold shadows of the fir-trees on the dry sand I think miserably. "I shall die of this . . . great cold after extreme heat . . . It will kill me."

BUT with the Allee-in-Wonderland quality that the whole afternoon has worn, I find I am PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

The "Asama Maru" and Belligerent Rights

THE grounds from which international controversies can arise are many and varied.

These differences may range from questions of state rights and duties to those of national interests, and they may be slight or serious according to circumstances.

Numerous as such grounds for contention are, they can, nevertheless, be divided into two groups, viz., legal differences and political differences. That

being so, the settlement of state disputes may therefore be approached from either a legalistic or the political standpoint.

Although in practice a sharp line cannot be drawn between these grounds of differences for the purpose of determining which standpoint should be taken in a given case; yet, whenever possible, a solution from the legal point of view is always to be preferred.

When an incident occurs between States, it can usually be more effectively settled to the satisfaction of both parties by principles and usages which have been more or less commonly agreed upon and better understood, than by political considerations, which are generally rather vague and difficult to define.

It appears that in the recent case of the "Asama Maru" Great Britain has endeavoured to justify her action by the former, while Japan has chosen to premise her complaint on the latter considerations.

Without the least intention to pass on the merits or demerits of the attitudes assumed by both Great Britain and Japan in this case, more than what is remarked above, this is written objectively with a view to finding where the real issues rest, or should rest.

I SHALL first recapitulate the essential facts connected with this case, and then proceed on to a discussion of the legal principles involved and precedents applicable.

From news reports, which have so far not been denied, the incident happened in this way. At about noon, on January 21, and at a point 35 miles off the Japanese coast, a British warship ordered the Asama Maru, on her way from the United States to Japan, to stop. A party of British officers boarded the Japanese boat, and demanded from the captain the removal from his ship of certain Germans whose names they presented in a list.

As a consequence, 21 Germans of military age were taken off the vessel, while thirty other Germans, mostly merchants, were allowed to continue on their way.

On the night of the second day, the Japanese Government lodged a formal protest with the British Government, reserving the right of demanding the handing over of the Germans. It was further pointed out in this note that Japan regarded the forcible removal of these men from a neutral ship near the coast of Japan as an unfriendly act, for which she requested an early explanation, "sufficient and solid," from the British Government. It concluded with the request that the British Government "pay profound consideration to this matter in the broad light of the relations between Japan and Britain."

It is significant that in the Japanese Note, as far as available information goes, hardly any reference was made of the legal aspect of the matter. Beyond remarking that "the British authorities had

been sufficiently informed that the Japanese Government hitherto have stood for the recognised provision that the nationals of a belligerent Power aboard a neutral ship whose surrender the other belligerent Power would be able to demand should be confined to those included in the military forces."

THE British reply to the protest was handed in to the Japanese Government on January 27. It is understood that the British note pointed out that the stopping of the Asama Maru and the removal of German passengers were carried out in accordance with the right of a belligerent Power under International Law. And that the Germans removed were on their way home by order of their home Government at the latter's expense; that it was evident that upon return home they were to be embodied into armed forces immediately. That, furthermore, the British Government held that the

providing for the seizure of enemy nationals embodied into armed forces can be extended to apply to reserves. It was also explained that according to German law, there is no difference between combatants, including reserves, and that of all males of military age. In conclusion, the note suggested a refusal of the proposed release of the Germans taken away.

IF this in what is said to be substantially the content of the British note, in reply to the Japanese protest, then our belief that the British Government has taken its stand from the legal point of view, instead of "the broad view-point," as expected by the Japanese Government, is confirmed. However, as the development of the negotiation on this affair indicates in the last few days Great Britain might do her utmost to satisfy Japanese aspiration by taking into account of the "political implications," while reserving the question of principles involved.

In discussing the legal principles involved in the present case, one may start either from the angle of neutral rights, alleged duties or from the angle of alleged rights and duties. In any way, the conclusion reached would be the same, since these rights and duties are correlative. Here, for convenience, I propose to start from the former angle, beginning with neutral duties in times of war.

The issues of the present case seem to hinge on the kind of answer to be given to these two questions: Firstly, is it permissible for neutral ship to carry military persons or persons "embodied in the armed forces" of the enemy? Secondly, Can the Germans removed by the British naval force from the Japanese ship, the "Asama Maru," be regarded as military persons or persons "embodied in the armed forces" of the enemy of Britain? If the first question could be answered in the negative and the second question, in the affirmative, then Great Britain was only exercising such belligerent rights as recognised by International Law.

The first, being a question in the abstract, can be readily answered in the negative. Since neutrality, as Oppenheim says, "is an attitude of impartiality," it is the duties of neutrals to refrain from giving such assistance, and succour to one of the belligerents—as is detrimental to the other; and such injuries to the one as benefit the other. Among these duties, which war imposed upon the neutrals, is a kind of assistance known as "innocent service," which they should not render to the enemy. "By innocent service, as it is understood nowadays, is meant the carriage of persons and despatches for the enemy by neutral ships, in contrast with the carriage of contraband, which forms a different category of itself. The breach of the former duties is regarded as a more serious matter, as such act is deemed to be in the direct service to the enemy; and in extreme cases such neutral vessel is liable to be treated as an enemy merchant vessel. The condemnation in the last century of the "Proserpine" and the "Friendship," two American vessels, by Great Britain for carriage of

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WITH THE R.A.F. WEATHER IS CHIEF TOPIC

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Charles Gardner, the B.B.C. observer with the R.A.F. in France, in a review of the activities of last week, said that the weather was, of course, the chief topic.

They had frost and snow and then frost again. The second frost caused a traffic hold-up and there was a collection of cars at the foot of hills.

When one looked out of one's window, one saw scenes reminiscent of the people were falling down. Even important events star French generals were not immune. The beauty of being a seven star French general is that one can fall down at the very feet of a Guard of Honour and no one dare laugh—at least not at the time.

Attack By Bomber
One of the highlights of the week was the attack by a Nazi bomber on a land patrol. The bomber came down to 25 feet and used its machine-guns. It did no damage.

This attack caused quite a lot of excitement as some thought it might herald the beginning of "total warfare".
If the Germans do start that game, Mr. Gardner, there will be plenty of surprises for them.

The most remarkable feature of the war so far, at least where the Allies are concerned, he said, has been the care taken not to bomb or ground-straft land targets.

Such activity last September might have been to Germany's advantage. But it is most likely that the Germans did not indulge in it for fear of reprisals.

"Human" C.H.Q.
One of the leading items of news during the week, he continued, was the postponement of leave for the second time due to what was called "the flap"—transport troubles caused by weather conditions.

This second postponement, however, showed up Headquarters in a human light. One man was going home to be married, the wedding being fixed for Thursday. He already had had to postpone his wedding twice before—once when War began and the second time when leave was postponed.

Three times, he thought, was a bit steep, said Mr. Gardner. So did Headquarters. They sent him home by plane, a privilege usually reserved for higher officials. The wedding was held.

**COLD WAVE
IN EUROPE**
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cold is causing heavy shortages of foodstuffs, especially vegetables. The shortage of coal is described as "drastic".

It is estimated that nearly 1,500 apartment houses are without heating facilities in Berlin alone.

Private houses have been apportioned only 300lbs of coal for February.

Britain's Fuel Shortage
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—The bitterly cold weather which swept the British Isles last week has resulted in a temporary fuel shortage.

Special measures are being taken in Glasgow, Birmingham and Manchester to relieve the shortage.

Householders formed long queues in Birmingham as they awaited delivery of coal.

Citizens of Glasgow are being permitted to cut trees in the public parks.

**PASSENGERS TELL OF
N.Y.K. LINER INCIDENT**
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stopped and when the ship came closer she asked us our name and destination.

This information I gave and then asked the stranger to reveal her identity. She did not do so and we resumed our voyage at 11.05 p.m.

Other passengers could not say whether the stranger was a man or woman. All were unanimous in saying that no shots were fired.

The Tataka Maru later met a Japanese warship, which escorted her for some time.

**Train Runs Into
A Landslide**
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—One woman was killed and several other passengers were injured when a L.M.S. train from Northampton to London ran into a landslide near Watford.

Five landslides have been reported on the Southern Railway during the past 24 hours.

**JAPANESE LINER HAS
NAZI CARGO ABOARD**
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 3 (Domel).—The first Japanese ship to bring German goods to Japan following the enforcement of the Allied measures for the seizure of German exports, the O.S.K. liner Sanyo Maru, 8,380 tons, arrived here this morning.

She sailed from Rotterdam. With her goods covered by a complete contract prior to the enforcement of the contraband control measures, she has been permitted by British authorities to carry her cargo.

She returned home via the Atlantic.

NAZI RAIDS ON BRITISH SHIPS

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The Corland, 3,400 tons, reached port safely.
The Belgian ship was a small vessel manned by a crew of ten. Six of them tried to get ashore on a raft and lifeboats are now looking for them. Four other members of the crew landed safely to-day.

One Ship Lost
The only ship known to be lost as a result of the raid was a small Norwegian vessel of 630 tons.

Nevertheless to-day a Nazi U-boat Command Communiqué claimed that 14 ships had been sunk.

At least three Nazi bombers were shot down by British fighter planes and two others are not expected to reach home.

Brave Seamen
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Numerous instances of courage of seamen and fishermen were revealed following the Nazi air raids in the North Sea yesterday.

Two German aircraft bombed the Yewdale while machine-gun fire from the planes smashed the windows of the school-house, killing the skipper and three members of the crew.

Defying danger, a fishing craft went out and aided the Yewdale to reach port safely. Except for broken windows, the Yewdale showed little sign of her ordeal.

They Paid The Penalty
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The bodies of three German airmen, one of whom was wearing the Iron Cross, were washed ashore at Northumberland to-day.

They are believed to be the crew of the Heinkel bomber brought down off the mouth of the Tyne on Saturday.

A German float, fully inflated, was washed ashore south of Ormside in the Orkneys.

It is believed that the crew of the German airplane must have been drowned after taking to the raft.

The German Claim
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Feb. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that German planes sank nine merchant ships, one minesweeper and four patrol boats in the North Sea.

The announcement admitted that three planes had failed to return to their bases.

"In the course of reconnaissance flights over the North Sea German air force units attacked British warships as well as armed and convoyed merchantmen. Despite very heavy anti-aircraft fire and interference by British pursuit planes, one minesweeper, four patrol boats and nine merchantmen were sunk and numerous other armed merchant ships were damaged, some of them seriously," the announcement claimed.

Bombers Brought Down
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that three Heinkel bombers were shot down on the northeast coast.

Three British pursuit planes engaged a Heinkel which was attacking a British trawler off the Yorkshire coast, and chased it inland where it crashed in flames on the Yorkshire moors. Two of the German crew were killed and two others were sent to hospital.

Witnesses said that three British fighter planes dived about the German plane and chased it back and forth until the German began billowing smoke as it sank lower and lower, finally crashed near a coastal town.

German planes resumed their attacks on Allied shipping of the east coast this afternoon. One German plane dropped six bombs at a steamer which another plane had attacked earlier in the day. All the bombs missed their target.

Crews Machine-Gunned
The bombers came through the mist over the east and north-east coasts this morning, split formation and swept down on ships of all sizes, using their machine-guns.

British fighter planes rushed seaward and engaged the Germans.

The Air Ministry announced that two of the German planes were brought down and another was "very seriously damaged." There were three successful interceptions. The plane forced down in Yorkshire narrowly missed a cottage before it struck.

This is the most successful report the R.A.F. has yet made to the German bombers which have been preying on shipping.

German Airmen Rescued
LONDON, Feb. 4 (British Wire).—According to agency reports, four of the crew of a German bomber, presumably one of those shot down by British fighters in the North Sea yesterday, were rescued to-day by the trawler, Harlech Castle. A fifth was drowned before the fishermen could reach him.

One of the four rescued men died on board the trawler from wounds in the head, while two others have been taken to hospital and the fourth has been handed over to a military guard.

War In China
Big Battle Continues In Southern Kwangsi

According to Chinese reports received this morning, heavy fighting raged throughout the week-end in the vicinity of Pingyang, an important South Kwangsi city in the northern apex of the Yungning-Wingshun-Pingyang triangle.

It is stated that the Japanese line of attack northward on Pingyang from Wingshun has been cut at a number of strategic points, including Kantanghu and Lutouhu, south of Pingyang, which have all been wrested back from the Japanese.

Wingshun, 50 miles east of Nanning on the Wutangkang River, which was occupied by the invaders early last week and used as a base for their northward drive on Pingyang, returned to Chinese hands yesterday.

These reports claim that the majority of the Japanese forces south of Pingyang are now encircled at Nanlungshu, where vigorous Chinese attacks are proceeding. The total number of Japanese killed is said to have already exceeded 2,000.

Reinforcements Routed
Japanese reinforcements from Nanning were repeatedly beaten back at Tangshu and Nalu.

On the Nanning-Pingyang highway, the Chinese recaptured Napi, north of Yungning, yesterday.

In Kwangsi, Chinese forces recaptured Minshueiling, a strategic mountain pass on the Kiangling-Nanchang Railway north of Tchen on January 27, and are launching a concerted attack on Tchen, gateway to Nanchang, according to field despatches.

A Japanese detachment attacked Fenshuiling and other points southwest of Kiangshun in Central Szechwan without success last Friday. Fighting is said to be still in progress there.

TO RESIGN AS AMENDS

Saito Pays Penalty For Diet Speech

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 3 (Domel).—Mr. Saito, whose statement in the Lower House on Friday regarding the war in China caused a serious political issue, has taken steps to leave the Minseitō Party, the largest group in the Lower House.

Mr. Kozumi and Mr. Tawara, elders of the party, after consultation with Mr. Machida, the President called on Mr. Saito, and, in their personal capacity as friends, advised him to "fulfil his responsibility" as a Party man.

Complying with the advice, Mr. Saito later met President Machida and the leaders of the Party and, apologizing for his speech, offered withdrawal from the party.

Deciding Saito's Fate
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 3 (UP).—To-day's session of the House was delayed from 1 p.m. owing to a conference of all political parties, to decide whether Mr. Saito should be punished.

The House re-convened at 9 p.m. when the Speaker referred the case to the Plenary Session Committee.

In referring Saito's interpellation, the War Minister said that the China campaign was a Holy War because it aimed at the extermination of the "pro-Communist and anti-Japanese regime, thereby stabilising East Asia."

Japan, he declared, had no intention of preying on lesser nations.

Political Circles Stirred
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 3 (Domel).—Political circles are still showing considerable excitement.

Army authorities evince great resentment at Saito's speech, which, they claim, is "derogatory to the proposed objective of the current campaign."

Other Diet circles, including the reformist section of the Seiyūkaikai and the Jikyoku Doshikai, are urging disciplinary measures against Mr. Saito.

Meanwhile, in compliance with the advice by the Speaker and the leaders of the Minseitō, Mr. Saito, who has already voluntarily cancelled part of his speech, will also make his appearance at his speech in the Lower House to-day.

Unusual significance thus attaches to to-day's general meeting of the Lower House, at which Japan's attitude in China will be clarified.

**No Pole Will
Turn Traitor**

PARIS, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Neither Germany nor Russia had managed to form a Poland Government in those parts of Poland which they had respectively occupied, because they could not find a single Pole willing to turn traitor, declared the Polish Minister for Social Welfare at a session of the governing body of the International Labour Office.

The whole Polish people, and particularly the workers, are carrying on under terrible conditions in a desperate struggle for liberty, he said.

When the War was over, he continued, Poland would play her part in establishing international co-operation in all spheres.

**A Warning To
Free Nations**

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The Netherlands newspaper, "Hondelands", commenting on the Vatican broadsheet of Nazi terrorism, says that these may be considered a warning to western free nations to form a wall against barbarism and despotism.

The world is asking how the German methods which justified the overthrowing the Versailles Treaty can be put alongside the cruelties which she herself is showing against the small and weak nations that are in her power.

**REDS APOLOGISE
TO ESTONIA**

MOSCOW, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Soviet Government has apologized to Estonia because Russian warships of Tallinn fired on an Estonian plane which flew over the Soviet fleet.

The "Tass" agency says that an understanding has been reached that Estonian planes will not fly over Tallinn or Russian warships anchored there.

Flow Over Warships
MOSCOW, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Soviets have expressed regret to Estonia for the incident on February 2 in which Soviet warships shelled an Estonian plane flying over Tallinn harbor.

The Note says that the plane several times flew over warships, which mistook it for a foreign plane.

PRISON OF STATE

Nazi Plan For The Unhappy Poles

PARIS, Feb. 4. — Twenty million Poles and Jews are to be crowded into a territory the size of Scotland and Wales, which will form a densely-populated buffer between the Third Reich and Soviet Russia.

This is the newest Nazi scheme for "solving the Polish question."

Hitler has apparently abandoned his plan of a purely Jewish reserve in central Poland, near Lublin.

He plans to establish a bigger, mixed Polish-Jewish reserve, a kind of "prison State," on a territory approximately one-quarter of the Polish Republic.

The attempt to set up a puppet Polish Government in Warsaw or Cracow having failed, the Nazis have given up the idea of a Polish protectorate.

Wholesale Moves
They have decided to annex four provinces of Central Poland under a German Governor-General.

This area, a little over 40,000 square miles, is inhabited by 14,000,000 people.

The Nazis want to deport to it all the Poles and Jews from the Western Polish provinces of Poznan, Pomerania and Silesia, which belonged to Prussia before 1918.

To these they propose to add two or three more million people from the textile district of Lodz and the belt along the East Prussian frontier also incorporated in the Third Reich.

The Jews will be driven to the east, near to the Soviet-German demarcation line around Lublin while the Poles will be left to their own destinies in an already over-populated area.

In a very short time this Polish "Resettlement" (German: Umsiedlung) scheme, as the Germans call it, would be reduced to the standard of the poorest and most overcrowded Chinese provinces.

**BALKANS TO STAY
PEACEFUL**
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they might more easily resist pressure.

No One Threatened
M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, dealt with the suggestion (known in London to have been spread by Nazi agents) that the Conference was directed against neighbouring states.

He denied these reports and approved the speech of the Bulgarian Prime Minister, who said that Bulgaria would respect the interests of the Balkans.

Like M. Markovitch, M. Gafencu spoke with gratitude of Italy's policy.

Extend Balkan Trade
BELGRADE, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The first step to extend Balkan trade are already taken and further progress is expected at the meeting of the standing Economic Committee in the middle of February.

It is understood that the conference just concluded decided that the moment was inopportune to raise the question of territorial revision.

Mr. Saragjic, the Turkish Foreign Minister, for his part, will assure the Bulgarian Prime Minister that Bulgaria's peaceful attitude is warmly appreciated. Her territorial claims should be left for discussion later.

Good Impression
PARIS, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The results of the Balkan Conference have created a good impression in official circles. These results are stated to indicate the strengthening and collaboration of the Entente with each other and with immediate neighbours, particularly Bulgaria.

It is considered that the Conference also marks a new stage in the improvement of relations between Yugoslavia and Turkey.

**STILL NO FOOD
IN TIENTSIN**

TIENTSIN, Feb. 5 (UP).—Despite assurances that five truckloads of foodstuffs were to be permitted to enter the British Concession daily, no food has yet arrived.

Many Britons are also complaining that they have been held up by Japanese sentries in the cold weather for periods ranging up to two hours.

Food Allowed To Enter
TIENTSIN, Feb. 5 (UP).—Three truckloads of food were permitted to enter the British Concession at 9.20 a.m., to-day, each truck carrying two tons of food under the present Anglo-Japanese arrangement of permitting three trucks to enter each morning and two each afternoon.

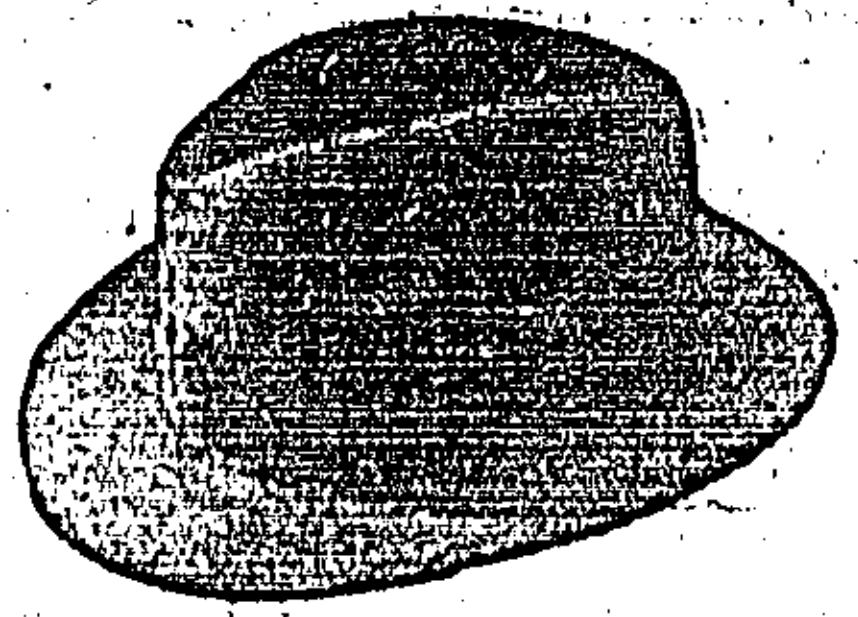
The trucks were not escorted and were not searched. They were merely required to display the British flag. Market-owners in the Concession are jubilant and food prices are already declining.

**THEY FELT COLD, SO
THEY RAIDED JAPANESE**

A band of 800 Chinese guerrillas is being kept warm by Japanese fur coats, hats and shoes.

According to a report from Tientsin, Chinese guerrillas recently waylaid a small Japanese force, which was escorting a full consignment of fur overcoats, hats and shoes, in the vicinity of Tunhuo, the western terminus of the Kinki-Tientsin Railway.

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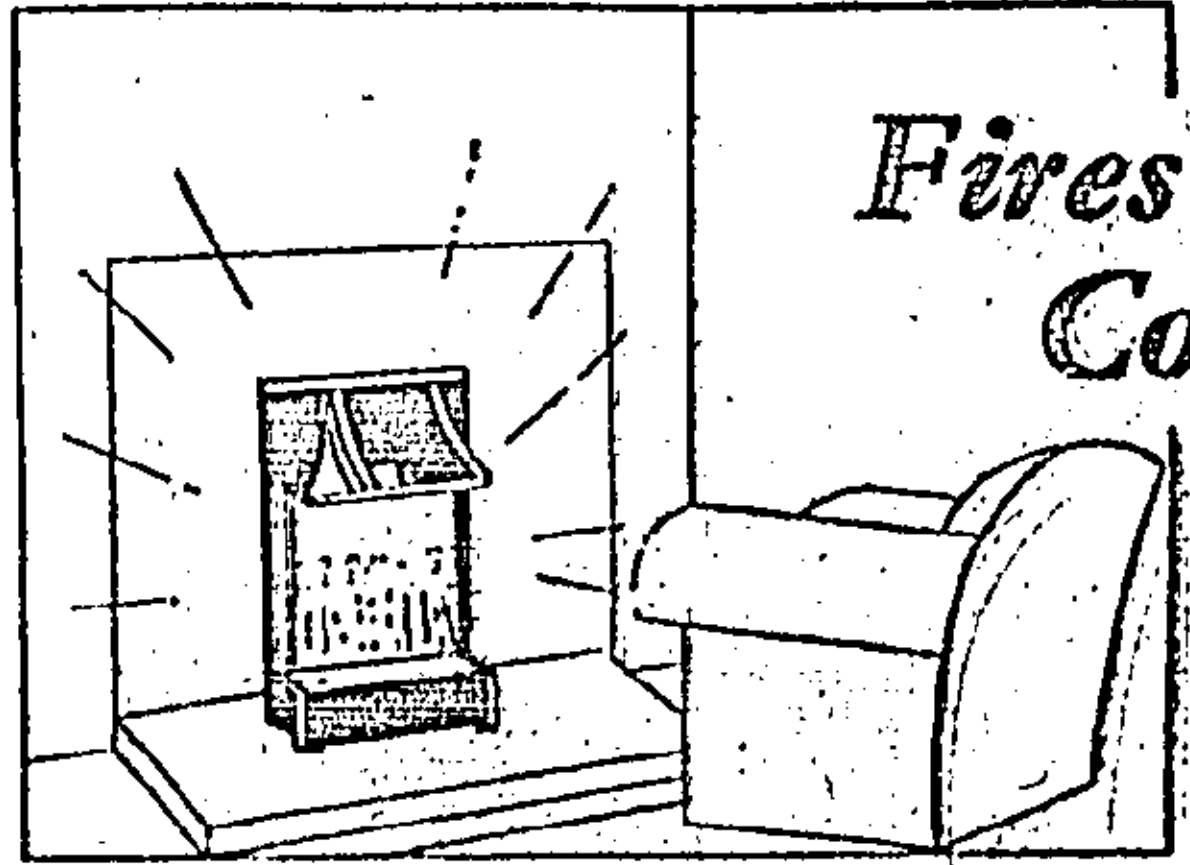
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

DECISIVE WIN FOR EASTERN

Sparkling Football On A Heavy Ground: Fine Defence Carries Day

(By "Rox")

EASTERN gave a sparkling display of football, of the type they have rarely been seen to indulge in, and romped away winners by four goals to one in their First Division League match against South China "B" at the Hongkong Club ground yesterday.

Despite the four marks chalked up against him, Cheung Wing-choi was magnificent in goal for South China "B". Handicapped by the treacherous ground he nevertheless effected several semi-miraculous saves.

Hau King-sing gave another of his flawless exhibitions at pivot. The improvement of Cheung Kam-hoi in the inside-right berth made the Eastern attack a good deal improved.

Lau Hin-hon was very safe in goal for Eastern. Whatever shots he received were dealt with in masterly style and apparent ease.

Kong Seng-keng and Tsang Chung-wan did not seem very happy on the slippery ground. Their fast tackles often found them floundering.

Hsu King-sing revelled in the mud and rose to new eminence. He formed a stolid defence against the South China attack. Lau Tse-chen did not impress. He too, seemed to find the going too rough for him.

Lo Wai-kuon was very good but only in patches. He appeared to be at a loss when Hsu moved up to the attack. Chung Yung-sum and Cheung Kua-hoi again proved to be the more dangerous of the two flankers. The forward line was seen to have only three forwards who were always well up the field, Cheung and Wu Gay-tsang at inside-left moving up and down field to the detriment of South China. Lee Tse-kee again appeared out of place in the combination and spoilt many chances. Hsu Ching-to played as brilliantly as ever. He, however, played more as an individual than as part of the attack.

BAD LUCK

CHEUNG WING-CHOI was very unfortunate to have four goals against him as he played his finest and deserved to have a clean slate. The goals scored did not actually beat him as he was in no position to contest the shots.

HOW TEAMS FARED

SENIOR SHIELD
S. China "A" 4 Royal Navy 2

JUNIOR SHIELD
South China 3 8th R.A. 1
Police 3 International 2

FIRST DIVISION
Eastern 4 S. China "B" 1
Police 4 Kwong Wah 2

SECOND DIVISION "A"
Club 0 Kit Chee 0

SECOND DIVISION "B"
Kowloon 1 University 0

THIRD DIVISION
Kumaons 1 24th R.A. 4
5th R.A. 1 Signals 2
R.A.M.C. 0 Royal Scots 8
South China 8 Electric 1

Hau Yung-sing was the better of the backs. His partner was very uncertain and was guilty of hesitating in attacking and relying too much on the halves with the consequence that he was beaten off more than not.

The half back line of South China was mainly responsible in stemming the Eastern attack. Lam Tak-po played a very fine game at pivot and was ably assisted by Yeung Kan-po and Luk Tat-hung. The latter is a comparatively new player and his consistent good performances mark

Rugby Football

ARMY BEAT POLICE 9-3

Fanling Golf

Second Round Ties In Junior Championship

Following are the results of the second round of the Junior Golf Championship played at Fanling yesterday:—J. W. Mayhew beat W. Hewitt three and one, W. L. Alexander beat W. Stewart five and three, H. N. Williamson beat J. C. Taylor four and three, N. K. Littlejohn beat A. H. McBride eight and six.

Hit By Ball

A 15-year-old girl, Ng Wen-tsu, was struck by a golf ball at the Kowloon City golf course on Saturday, and later taken to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from concussion.

Week-end Softball Scores

The following were the scores in the Softball League during the week-end:
Canuckettes 31, Cubs 7.
Pirates 19, Panthers 14.
Cardinals forfeited to Ballgifs.
Wahoos 10, Ramblers 4.
Chung Hwa 5, English Forum 0.
Recreio Bees 7, Trojans 4.

him down as a coming half-back. He was very steady, cleared strongly in attacking and relaying too much on the halves with the consequence that he was beaten off more than not.

VERY LITTLE SCOPE

THE EXCELLENT policing of Hsu left very little scope for Chan Tak-fai. His shooting was not as accurate as usual but in mid-field he was very effective and fed his wing men well. Chung Kee-shing and Tom Chan-chen made great efforts to combine with Chan but only in stages was Chung successful. Kwok Ying-ki was the best forward on view. He piled Chan with innumerable passes of which he was either robbed or muffed when well placed. Lee Shek-yau came in with some fine runs down the wing but his centres were often faulty.

PRESSING STRONGLY

EASTERN started strongly and within a few minutes were pressing in the South China area. They opened the score with a fine shot, Hsu bringing the ball well in and his parting drive struck the upright. Cheung showed presence of mind to quickly collect the ball but a goal was awarded. Shortly after South China surprised the Eastern defence and Chan Tak-fai equalised from six yards out giving Lau no chance with a pile driver. This score was maintained till half time.

From the resumption Eastern again took the initiative and pressed home their attack. The South China goal came very near falling several times but Cheung managed to keep his end up. Five minutes after the resumption Eastern made a spirited attack and a corner was forced. From the kick Wu Gay-tsang needed the ball in after it had passed over the heads of all the players that were crowding the goalmouth.

Eastern kept up their attack and in attempting to break through, Hsu was brought down by Yung and from the resulting kick which was twice taken, by Hau and Cheung, the latter scored after Cheung had saved the first shot.

Hau came in for some nice pieces of individualistic work. Twice he feinted passes inwards and broke through, his shots being saved in fine style by Cheung.

TABLES TURNED

THERE was a sudden shifting of the scenes and South China was in its turn the aggressors. They were very unfortunate not to net, their forwards being chiefly to blame for inaccuracy. Chan sent in several snap shots which alert Lau managed to clear. Kwok sent in a nice shot which was partially cleared by Lau who quickly recovered the ball before Chan could get to it. A convergence in the Eastern goal by the South China players and Chung Kee-shing passed to Chan who put the ball past Lau but the goal was disallowed Chan being given offside.

Chan again missed an opportunity when Chung got through the Eastern defence and put a pass to him. Chan tried to make an easy goal kick difficult by trying for an angle shot and missed the goal entirely.

A magnificent solo effort by Hau culminated the day's scoring. Hau received a pass from Lee Tack-kee in mid-field and eluded the far-advanced South China backs to outrun them for goal and beat Cheung with a nice shot in the far corner of the net.

Policemen Fail During Second Half

BUT FOR AN INJURY to E. C. Luscombe, brilliant Police scrum-half, the Police XV might have shared honours or have even beaten the Army in their rugby union football match at Boundary Street on Saturday. The final score was 9-3 in Army's favour, after Police had been leading 3-0 at half time. Army scored a goal and two tries, and Police scored a penalty goal.

The Police dominated in the first half, but in the absence of Luscombe in the second, their backs saw little of the ball, and Taylor, full-back, was consequently wasted in that division. He found touch on several occasions with fine great kicks, but was unable to stem the Army rushes. The three-quarter line gave the Army little room for movement in the first half, but with the Army reshuffle in the second period, when Douglas moved up to centre-three-quarter and Pielon went full-back, a different complexion was put on things.

Wilson and Reynolds were most effective of the Police three's, while Fay was mainly on the defensive, and Jackson fumbled badly on one or two occasions.

FINE DEBUT

RICHARDS and Waite were grand for Army. The former was making a debut as left centre-three-quarter, and his touch-kicking was very fine, relieving pressure at the right moment. Waite was the better of the fly-halves, though Leslie showed the

Interport Postponed

SHANGHAI, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Interport Rugby match between the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club and the British Section of the Hongkong Football Club, which was scheduled to take place on Thursday morning at the Canidrome, has been postponed due to bad field conditions as a result of a heavy snowfall.

The Shanghai Interport XV will be selected to-morrow without any trial being held.

more safe handling. The former wasted little time in making efforts to gain ground, and his sharp spurts and gains were one of the outstanding features of the game.

Police had a well-knit pack in the set scrums, and Wright-Noth, wing-forward, was very much in the limelight with his foot-work.

D. H. Taylor gave the Police their first-half, however, Waite and Birrell crossed over for the Army for uncovered tries and in the closing minutes Army forwards crossed over in a rush and Berry added the goal post.

The teams were:
Club "A"—F. M. Thompson; T. Bowden, R. M. Lewis, E. F. Morgan and P. Wilson; G. T. Riddler and R. Rutherford; J. M. Molloy, J. S. Dunnett, A. M. Kennedy; E. A. S. Jones, L. A. Benn, W. B. Richardson, R. Leigh and G. J. P. Carey.
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Cheung Wing-choi (S. China) gathering, with Yeung Kan-po keeping off Lee Tack-kee (on the ground)—Moo Cheung.

League Cricket

Weak K.C.C. Team Beat University

WITH RANKS very depleted owing to Volunteer Camp, the Kowloon Cricket Club nevertheless scored an easy win over the University in the First Division on Saturday by 121 runs. The University were short of four of their best players.

The scores were:
K.C.C.—178 for 3 wickets, dec. (F. J. Lay 84, E. F. Fincher 57 not out).
University—57 Chalm Thian-tsew 20, N. D. Lloyd 6 for 19 and E. Curtis 4 for 22).

Recreio Draw

The Club de Recreio drew with the Indian R.C.C.
Recreio—170 for 6 wickets, dec. (L. G. Gosano 72, P. M. N. da Silva 22, J. M. Gosano 19, A. M. Rumlajn 3 for 31, A. R. Minu 3 for 56).
I.R.C.—93 for 7 wickets. (A. H. Madar 30 not out, K. Kitchell 20, H. L. Ozorio 6 for 30).

I.R.C. 2nd XI Win

The Indian R.C.C. 2nd XI beat the University.—80 (R. M. Soares 25, J. M. Rumlajn 3 for 14, Y. T. Barma 4 for 15).
I.R.C.—83 for 6 wickets. (H. T. Barma 24, M. I. Razack 25, N. Singh 3 for 41).

Friendly Matches

At the Valley Craignower beat Combined Schools by 100 runs.
Craignower: 121 (E. A. Lee 30, A. H. Esmail 21, W. Hong Sing 24, B. R. Innes 19, V. Mendonca 42, K. Singh 3-20).
Combined Schools: 115 (V. Mendonca 42, P. Rull 32, B. R. Innes 5-22, A. J. Hulse 2-5).

Police beat Club at Chater Road, Police beat Hongkong Cricket Club by 100 runs.
Police: 184 (A. E. Carey 40, W. L. Clarke 50, C. Pope 10, H. Dambrowsky 3, A. Kirby 15, K. J. Atwell 8-4, D. S. Robb 3-33).
Club: 84 (R. D. Gillespie 34, F. Hacking 15, D. S. Robb not out, C. Pope 3-40, J. Lewis 2-15, F. Forrest 4-10).

TABLES TO DATE

First Division					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
K.C.C.	3	3	0	0	9
Recreio	3	1	0	1	4
I.C.C.	3	1	0	1	4
University	3	0	2	0	0
Army	3	0	2	0	0

Second Division					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
C.C.C.	3	2	0	0	6
Recreio	3	2	0	0	6
K.C.C.	3	2	0	0	6
Police	3	1	1	1	4
C.C.C.C.	3	1	1	1	4
Army	3	1	1	1	4
I.R.C.	3	1	1	1	4
University	3	0	4	0	0

Club "A" 6 Australian Reserves 0

CLUB "A" beat the Australian Naval Reserves by 6 points (two tries) to nil in a very scrappy game on the Police ground. The majority of the Australians XV were Australian Rules football players, and their knowledge of Rugby Union was meagre.

Laville made good use of his speed and scored Club's first try in the opening half, his effort being unconverted. Club gradually took over control in the second half and the game culminated when Morgan scored near the corner flag. Richardson failed with the kick.

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WOMEN'S DOUBLES Thrilling Rallies In Colony Tennis Final

IN AN EXHIBITION of tennis, better than any seen to date in the women's Colony championships, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Miss Madge Griffiths beat Mrs. E. Litton and Mrs. Hyde by 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles final at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday.

A cross-wind, though not exceptionally vicious, was cold, and conditions generally were far from ideal for tennis. The four players, however, put forth their best, and the games never ceased to interest. The baseline duels, which featured the second set, were the highlights of the game, and in these Miss Griffiths was often seen to good advantage. She was the steadiest, though Mrs. Chiu was equally prominent with her chopped forehand drives. They combined well and made few errors.

Mrs. Litton was the same player who had won the singles title, and gave all the assistance a partner could need, but Mrs. Hyde was inclined to be erratic overhead, especially at the net, and through this the losers gave away many points.

THE FIRST SET was a dominant win for Mrs. Chiu and Miss Griffiths, but the second set was never at any stage a decisive one. The Litton-Hyde combination went into a 4-2 lead after levelling scores at 2-2, but Miss Griffiths cut that lead down with a love service game, and they swept through the eighth game to draw level once more.

The final two games were the most thrilling. Each point was contested with grim determination from the baseline. Flashes of brilliance illuminated the play, and after several long rallies, Mrs. Chiu and Miss Griffiths emerged deserved winners. The prizes were distributed in the clubhouse following the match by Mrs. Penfold, wife of Major Penfold, Secretary.

Argonauts ... 6 5 0 3 17 2 13
Recreio Ladies ... 4 2 2 13 0 10
D.S. ... 8 4 2 1 10 0 9
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C.B.S. ... 7 2 3 2 9 6 6
C.B.S. ... 7 2 5 0 17 4 4
St. Andrew's L. ... 0 0 0 3 25 0 0

Home Football Spoiled By Intense Cold

The intense cold which prevailed here to-day resulted in the postponement of the whole of the English and Scottish Regional football Leagues with the exception of one match, Plymouth trouncing Bristol City by 10 goals to 3 in the South-Western Section of the English Regional League.

All Rugby League matches were also postponed, although the following were results of Rugby Union encounters:
North 26, Royal Air Force 3
Swansea 3, Swansea Valley 11.
Torquay 24, Royal Navy 6.—Reuter.

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Paris Changing 'Moscow Street' To 'Helsinki'

PARIS, Dec. 12 (AP).—If some Councilmen have their way, "Moscow" Street in Paris will become "Helsinki" Street.

At a noisy session at which Finland's defence against Russia was praised, several Councilmen introduced a motion to name a street in the city after the Finnish capital. Other Councilmen immediately proposed the present Moscow Street be renamed Helsinki (Helsingfors).

The resolution was referred to a committee which indicated it would give quick approval to the change.

NEW CHIEF FOR R. A. F.

THE appointment of Air-Marshal (acting Air Chief-Marshal) Sir Charles S. Burnett as Chief of the Air Staff of the Royal Australian Air Force has led to a reshuffle in three higher commands of the R.A.F.

Appointments to take place "in the near future."

Air-Marshal Sir Christopher Lloyd Courtney to be Air Member for Supply and Organisation on the Air Council in place of Air Vice-Marshal (acting Air-Marshal) W. L. Welsh.

Air Vice-Marshal Gossage is the new Inspector-General of the R.A.F., replacing Air-Marshal (acting Air Chief-Marshal) Sir Charles S. Burnett.

De Valera "Solves" Irish Problem

SINGLE TICKETS to BRITAIN from BELFAST

MR. DE VALERA, Eire's Prime Minister, has a plan for settling his country's "minority" problem.

It has a similarity to that by which Germans were transferred "home" from the Baltic States.

Mr. de Valera disclosed his plan at the annual congress of the Fianna Fail Party, which re-elected him president.

He saw no justice, he said, in a portion of the Irish people who wanted to be under a national Parliament being kept out by force.

There was not a nation whose territory and national home were as well defined as the national home of the Irish people.

He believed that with good will, unity could be brought about, even if they had to go to the extent of saying to the people who were op-

posed to unity that they should be transferred out of Ireland, if they preferred to be British rather than Irish.

If that were arranged by the two peoples it would cost far less than the constant friction between them.

Viscount Craigavon, Northern Ireland Prime Minister, addressing Orangemen in Belfast, said that arrangements to meet any difficulty from the South of Ireland were "splendid and complete."

MICKEY ROONEY MAY BE FILM DAVID

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is thinking of buying the film rights of "The Boy David," by Sir James Barrie.

The part of David would be played by Mickey Rooney.

The Worst Official Muddle Yet R.A.F. MAN TOLD HE IS NOT SANE AND "GIVEN" A CHILD

CARSHALTON, SURREY. AIRCRAFTMAN F. LEMPRIEVE, is a victim of brutal official muddle.

Further officialdom has notified him of the birth of a daughter he does not possess.

And finally it has casually described him as "of unsound mind." The remark about "unsound mind" was scribbled on the side of a printed document in reply to Mrs. Lempriere's desperate appeals for allowances to which she is entitled.

I spent this afternoon with Mr. Lempriere and discussed the complicated story of his case. He is an entirely sane and highly intelligent man.

Completely Fit That brutal comment, however, is only one incident in the tribulations of the Lempriere family.

Mr. Lempriere was a local government clerk, who had never known a day's illness.

He served throughout the last war, latterly in the R.A.F., and was called up for the present war as a Class E reservist.

When medically examined he was passed as completely fit and sent to an aerodrome.

He and 1,500 other men were given blankets and sent to sleep on the cement floor of a hangar.

During the night ground mist made them so cold that they ran up and down on the tarmac to get warm.

Mr. Lempriere was later posted to another Air Force unit and was taken seriously ill. His life was despaired of, and after a serious abdominal operation repeated blood transfusions were made.

Meanwhile Mrs. Lempriere had been forced to apply for public assistance because her allowance book did not reach her for six weeks.

Payment Stopped On November 1 her husband was brought home from hospital in an ambulance with £1.

He was given a slip of paper stating that he would be discharged from the Army as from November 29, his invalid, family and other allowances to continue till that date, when he would receive his discharge papers.

They have not arrived. All allowances stopped on November 23.

In reply to a letter asking the reason for this his wife was told that, "in consequence of her husband's discharge," the Post Office had stopped payment, but that "a postal draft for family allowance in respect of the birth of your child, Carol, will be forwarded."

When she protested that there was no Carol the authorities sent an apology.

Subsequent correspondence produced a reply from the main depot with a marginal note "Your husband was discharged with unsound mind."

I have seen all the papers—notes of "them-and" "some" "are" "just" "cut" "peeling" "notes" "protesting" "ignorance" of anything and everything.

They have now been turned over to Mr. Tom Williams, M.P., who is to insist on full redress.



LONG COLUMNS of Japanese lorries moving across rough country on the Kwangsi-Kwangtung border.—Domet.

Tortured Briton Fights On At 64

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MEMORIES of a Russian prison, and of brutality 20 years old, were raised at question time in the House of Commons recently.

(Sir Cooper Rawson (C. Brighton) asked the Prime Minister—

"If the Government were taking any further action to press for compensation from the Soviet Government for the injuries suffered by Mr. Joseph Martin, of Brighton, who was imprisoned without trial in Moscow in 1919?

If he would consider granting payment to Mr. Martin because his claim was not put forward with those of two other British subjects which were met by the Soviet Government in 1923.

The Prime Minister replied that there are 260 claims against the Soviet Government for compensation for the consequences of imprisonment of British subjects in Russia.

In none of these had it been possible to obtain satisfaction.

Wouldn't Be Traitor Behind that question and answer lies a bitter story. Mr. Martin, who now lives with his Russian wife in St. George's terrace, Brighton, told it to me.

At 64 he is a pitiful man, his almost unseeing eyes hidden behind blue glasses.

His story sweeps back to a different Europe, when as a young man he taught English in the high schools of Moscow before the last war.

In November, 1919, he was asked to work in the anti-British section of the Third International. He refused to play traitor to his own country.

He was arrested, thrown into a verminous cell, beaten by warders, starved.

Later he was transferred to the Butirki prison in Moscow.

He was tied to his bed with ropes that cut weals in his arms. He was beaten severely.

After a time he fell unconscious, and was pitched into a corridor among corpses.

A fellow-prisoner rescued him, and he lay for months in a state of exhaustion.

In 1920 he was released at the request of the British Government and repatriated.

His complaint against the Government is that in 1923 two similar cases—those of Mrs. Davidson, whose husband was shot, and Mrs. Stan Harding, who had been imprisoned for four months—were pressed against the Russian Government.

Russia paid them £10,000 and £3,000 respectively.

FILED LETTER SOLVES RIDDLE

NEWS of a £5,000 bequest took Manchester Dental Hospital by surprise.

The money—in the form of a trust in which others have first a life interest—was left in the will of Mr. Edward Regan, of Queen's-gardens, Baywater, W.

"It is wonderful news," said the hospital secretary.

"But who was Mr. Regan? Why did he single out our hospital for such a gift?"

"I can't think who he was, unless . . ."

Then for the first time she remembered that three years ago she received a letter from Baywater asking about the hospital's work.

A copy of the annual report was sent by return.

A hunt through the correspondence files revealed that the inquirer was Mr. Edward Regan—a dentist.

THE BANNED DOCTOR

BECAUSE they do not belong to the British Medical Association, or have not rendered "past services" to the Association, 23,000 doctors, it is declared, may never get a chance of serving with the Forces.

These doctors, according to men prominent in the medical profession, are victims of one of the greatest rams and profiteering scandals of the war.

Doctors are recruited for the three Forces—Army, Navy and Air—through the B.M.A. Applications for commissions are first made to local committees of the association.

"Unless a doctor belongs to the B.M.A.," a well-known West End doctor told the Sunday Pictorial, "his application to serve is most likely just filed and conveniently forgotten."

The West End doctor cited two instances of how "favouritism" operates in certain cases.

Two doctors have a good practice. They have each been awarded five "Boards" a week for examining recruits.

"For each Board they receive £2 2s. Thus their practice is richer by £21 a week."

"Jobs Kept Open"

Another man who practised dentistry, but never touched medicine, has been appointed as a qualified examiner.

Meanwhile, other doctors see their incomes rapidly depleted as the result of evacuation and the calling up of men.

"It is a scandal that Government money should be used by an association for the payment of past services," said the West End doctor.

"But that is happening."

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Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday says:

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	Buyers	Sellers	
11K Bank	\$1.00		\$1,400/10
Fires Ins.	\$1.00		
Docks	\$21.00		\$4.00
Provident	\$21.00		
Hotels	\$1.20		
Land	\$24.00		
Realties	\$24.00		
Tramways	\$17.70		\$17.70
Yauwatt Ferries	\$24.00		
China Lights, old	\$24.00		
China Lights, new	\$4.00		
Electric	\$25.00		
Telephone	\$24.00		
Cement	\$10.00		\$10.00
Ropes	\$21.00		\$0
Dairy Farms, old	\$20.00		\$9.20
Dairy Farms, new	\$20.00		
Watsons	\$0		
Entertainments	\$0.00		

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Big Wedge	1 1/2	b
Coco Grove	1 1/2	b
Con. Mines	0 040	b
Demonstrations	10	b
East Mindanao	0 034	b
I.C.L.	20	b
Indo Gold	12 1/2	b
Isorot	10	b
Mambulo Con.	0 10	b
Minabato Con.	0 10	b
Mina Operation	0 10	b
North Camarines	22 1/2	b
San Mauricio	52	b
Surgido Con.	0 10	b
Suyve Con.	13	b
Swidicate Inv.	0 27	b
United Paracale	5 43	b
Benguet Con.	5 43	b

SUPREME COURT
The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Chinese New Year Vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturday when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, except in so far as the Criminal Sessions are concerned. The Chinese New Year Vacation begins on February 8 and terminates on February 12, 1940, (both days inclusive).

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Use a cork for scouring knives and save the wear and tear on dish cloths. Dip the cork in water first, then into cleaning powder and apply.

Always wash the hands before starting to sew on a delicate article, as sewing is inclined to make the hands perspire and the slightest grime will quickly show on the material.

A cloth slightly moistened with vinegar will remove finger marks from furniture. Follow this with a little furniture polish, rubbing hard till it dries.

Black And Red

Black ablaze with flaming red and scintillating gold is now in after-dark fashion. New in this category is the variety of evening coats in the red, black and gold scheme. There is the long, red wool with black passementerie frogs, a flared red tunic and another long red woollen wrap with black velvet yoke and hood.

An Old-Fashioned Girl

This Impish hairdress is smart. Hair swept up in front and on the sides, it is caught and bent at the nape of the neck by a bow which gathers the curls in a cluster on the back of the neck. The perfect coiffure for a bustle dress!



Loose Curls For Milady

By JACQUELINE HUNT

THE old has become the very, very new—judging by the hair styles noted recently. Big, smooth, vertical curls, sometimes called "English curls," but looking very much akin to those your mother used to roll so carefully on rags when you were a little girl, are news of the moment.

One hairdresser starts them high and has clusters of them. One coiffure for a young girl calls for a centre part, the first curls being caught rather high over the temples and falling low on the shoulders like the hairdo of a Spanish "Infanta." For the older woman the top hair is dressed high, then the sides and back are dressed rather high but with the ends cascading in vertical curls.

Another gathers his curls at the nape of the neck and ties them with a velvet bow, called the Boops-o-Daisy, after the new dance imported from London by Arthur Murray. Still another swirls the hair back from the temples, with the first big shining curls starting behind the ears, the rest of the back hair turned loosely into three or four more in a charming little girl effect. The hair over the crown of the head is very smooth and polished and the top hair curls either in a coque of loose curls or rolls.

Bangs Are Unique

Bangs are still another old-new idea. These are treated variously. Some simply have a topknot of curls, some of which drop forward to hide the hairline. Others cut a real fringe of bangs and curl or wave them. One imaginative young hair stylist has bangs but with a 180 angle, for they are not cut straight across, but in scallops or diagonal lines that soften the brow or add dash and piquancy to the individual face.

These are the hairdressers' concession to snoods. Veiling or a snood will not conceal straggling ends and bad lines, but on the other hand, they do spoil the effect of elaborate waves or ringlets over the back of the head. The new coiffures that mold the back so beautifully are perfect, if your hat has a short or long snood. The long curls give the final nice, finishing line. They may even tend gradually to eliminate the snood.

The new coiffures do not lack individuality, as one might suspect, but can be arranged to flatter the neck, head and jawline. An interesting trick sometimes employed for the girl with a long face, is a centre part down the back of the head, the crown part and the ends finished in loose, fluffy curls that give fullness behind and below the ears, creating an illusion of width in the face.

The long vertical curls are perfect for the girl with a short neck. The front hair may be combed up into interesting top curls, the back sections of hair combed together toward the nape of the neck to drape into big curls that look like a knot.

Back Parts Interesting

Back parts are used frequently to add interest. One coiffure seen recently had the hair parted on a slant from the top right, across and downward. Soft rolls followed the slanting line of part down to the long ends which were finished in three or four big curls. In another the back hair was parted into two sections, brushed smoothly down, crossing each other and fastened securely at the hairline. The ends were caught into bunches of vertical curls behind each ear.

With so much uncurled hair, the recent hair treatments to bring out all the luster and beauty of the hair rather than on permanents. Of course, a permanent is needed, too, but only the ends and top section of hair are treated.

B.W.O.F. ACTIVITIES

More comforts for the Fighting Services have been made by local working parties. Twelve cases of knitted garments and hospital necessities are being sent by the next Blue Funnel steamer. Five of these are for distribution by the British Red Cross Organisation. Two are being sent to the Royal Naval Comforts Depot, and four to the Army Comforts Depot. Of the latter one is earmarked for Royal Engineer units and one for the Middlesex Regiment.

The working centre of the Club de Reccro recently held a Bridge and Mahjong Drive and the proceeds (\$150) were sent to the British War Organisation Fund.

Bradman's Book Read During Cricket Case

MAURICE TATE, the England and Sussex cricketer gave expert evidence at Sussex Assizes at Lewes recently and Don Bradman's book on cricket was consulted by Mr Justice Humphreys and counsel.

They were trying to find out where "silly mid-on" fields in a cricket match.

Thirteen-year-old John Barfoot, son of a Seaford (Sussex) garage proprietor, had said he was fielding in this position in a school game when he was hit on the head by the ball and his skull was fractured. He and his father, Mr. Terence William Barfoot, claimed damages from the East Sussex County Council.

The judge reserved his decision after hearing Tate say that the position was "suicidal" for an inexperienced boy and the master who was in charge of the game deny that the boy was told to field there.

Tate said it was dangerous for a boy to field within ten yards of a batsman.

He said: "I have retreated many times when I have seen a bowler has not a very good length. If you have a really good bowler, such as Larwood, who is very accurate, it is different."

Tate Shivered

"I had Patsy Hendren stand up within three yards of me on one Australian trip," and very successful he was.

"I have fielded three yards from the batsman—but I shivered a bit." John told the judge he was fifteen feet from the batsman when he was hit. He did not like the position, because shortly before a ball had just missed his head.

Mr. George Thomas Stevenson, the master in charge of the game, said that he told Barfoot to stand at square leg and probably helped him to get the position of true square leg by enjoining with his hands.

He did not tell the boys to close in. The ball out of which the accident arose was of the Yorker type and the batsman came out to meet it. Barfoot ducked when the ball was coming at him and it struck him on the head.

Coffee For Shipwrecked Sailors

After the Newcastle collier Townley (2,000 tons) hit a mine off the south-east coast on January 7 the 24 members of the crew were brought ashore by a lifeboat and given coffee poured out for them by A. E. Archibald Vearncombe, who was recently decorated by the King for his bravery in examining unexploded mines.

The explosion caused tons of coal to be forced through the hatches, descending over the deck in a black shower.

One stoker said it was the most comfortable shipwreck he could remember—none of the crew got wet, and their only complaint was the cold on the trip ashore.

PRIVATE RUSHED TO COT OF BABY

A SCOTTISH private duty at British G.H.Q. France was handed a telegram.

Wondering why he should have such an urgent message, he tore open the envelope.

Inside was a message from his wife in Roseburn-street, Edinburgh, to tell him that his 10-month-old daughter, June, had been taken to hospital with heart trouble and was seriously ill.

At once the machinery of the British Army began to work on his behalf.

Driven To Station

Permission for him to return to Scotland was quickly granted. An Army tender hastened him to the station, where he caught the boat train.

Before he embarked he was given a word of warning. He must not tell his wife until he arrived in England.

From the port of arrival he sent her a telegram.

It stated that he was travelling on the night express.

Smile Of Welcome

He stepped out of the train at Edinburgh.

A few hours later he and his wife were sitting at a tiny hospital cot. Baby June looked up and smiled a welcome.

Now the doctors have expressed the opinion that June may live for another two months.

FEAST OF DON BOSCO

St. John Don Bosco, founder of the great Salesian Order, was publicly honoured yesterday at St. Anthony's Church, West Point.

People from all over Hongkong attended the morning and evening services held in the Church. Prior to the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening, Father M. Suppo, S.C., delivered a homily in English.

Appropriate music was rendered by the Salesian Choir of Shaokwan.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1890.
The Peak Hotel and Trading Company, Limited, Notice to shareholders. Notice is hereby given that the second instalment of \$5 (five dollars) per share, in the above company will be due on February 15th next, and is payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be chargeable on all calls unpaid on due date. By order of the Board of Directors. J. Whalley, Secretary.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1915.
Earl Kitchener continues to make things move at the War Office, says a "Globe" correspondent. His activity is wonderful and he is especially keen on making the contractor know his place.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1930.
Political consequences which may have far-reaching effects on the South China and which will be keenly watched by official circles in the North are expected to result from the official visit to Canton, early next week, of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

Shanghai.
The Soviet Government has presented another ultimatum to the National Government, through the Soviet Consul at Harbin, in connection with the fresh crisis in Manchuria following Nanking's repudiation of the Hainanvok Protocol, signed between the Manchurian delegate, Mr. Tani Yun-sheng and the Soviet plenipotentiary.

5 YEARS AGO

London, Feb. 5, 1935.
A Joint Anglo-French communique has announced the readiness of both countries to a mutual aerial assistance pact. It is stressed that the purpose of the Anglo-French conversations is to remove tendencies leading to an armament race and increased war dangers.

The Anglo-French communique reaffirms the declaration of December, 1932, in favour of equality of rights within a system of security, promising Britain's readiness to join the Franco-Italian agreement reached in July 1 to safeguard the independence of Austria; states that Britain adheres to the Franco-Italian declaration of the same date refusing to admit unilateral modification of the Versailles armaments provisions; and that France and Britain have agreed to attempt "a general settlement of freely negotiated issues between Germany and the other Powers."

The communique also discloses a determination on the part of Britain and France to avoid detaching terms to Germany.

Strict Neutrality

Oslo, Feb. 3.

The situation of Norway is very difficult, surrounded as she is on all sides by combatant countries, said the Foreign Minister of Norway in a special interview with a foreign newspaper correspondent.

Norway's policy, he said, is one of strict and absolute neutrality. Although Norway's feelings are with Finland, this has nothing to do with the Government's policy of strict neutrality.

Asked what would be the position if Soviet Russia invaded Norway after conquering Finland, he said it would be difficult to foresee the consequences of a Finnish defeat. Commenting on the other war, he said that Norway, a neutral, had lost more men at sea than France had on the Western front.—Reuter.

Neglected Skin Can Undo Beauty Efforts

By JACQUELINE HUNT

PEOPLE who design our fashions may disagree as to which is more flattering, the pencil silhouette, the romantic fluff-skirted affair or the bustle. Some may insist on natural make-up, while others prefer frankly artificial, stylised face-do. But on one point they all agree: No woman looks really smart, really attractive, unless her complexion is smooth and pliant.

As one designer expresses it, "Give specialists on several splendid cold-cream a woman with a good figure and weather lotions. Stock up with lots of money. I can design knock-out clothes for her, but if her skin contains rough or weatherbeaten—then my magic's undone. Other women may envy her clothes, but they won't envy her—not with that complexion!" As for men, she goes on to say, they don't care if a woman's dress is the latest Paris creation or not. They take one look at the woman with coarse, dull skin and then hurry away to find Miss Peaches-and-Cream who is dressed in last year's bargain. Maybe she's not "smart"—maybe she must save her pennies, but she's smart enough to save her precious face, too. She sees that her skin gets extra care all winter.

Use Lotion Faithfully

She realises that cold wind and steam heat can dry out and clump the best complexion. So "she sees" to it that her skin stays smooth. Neither wind nor sleet nor the rush of holiday parties are going to keep her from looking feminine and romantic! The secret of her success may be something as simple as a good softening skin lotion regularly applied. And that's no strain on any woman's budget. Frankly, many of us forget the simple things at times. There is such a bewildering variety of creams, tonics, softeners, masks and foundations available that we wish we could afford, while the simple, inexpensive lotion or cream that would solve our problems if faithfully used passes unnoticed. Right now there are bargain fresh application of softening cream.

Try applying it to your hands, face and neck before dressing. Women seem to neglect their neck more than ever in the winter. And your neck and throat is conspicuous, even if you can't see it yourself. If you don't want it to look crepey, treat it as kindly as you do your face. Scrub it with mild warm soaps at night, rinse it dry it and cream it or treat it with lotion. And apply lotion before you go out during the day. It helps to keep the skin soft and supple and soothes chafing from a heavy coat collar.

Lotion makes an excellent powder base, coaxing make-up to blend and cling smoothly for several hours. This is a blessing because the less dabbling and re-touching you do during the day the less likely your skin is to show up in little, dry flakes across the forehead and cheek bones.

As an added precaution when you come indoors after exposure, cleanse your face of dirt and old make-up, using cream or tepid soda, then a fresh application of softening cream.

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Black peau de sole suit in walking length of 15 1/2 inches from the ground, Bolero, slightly squared shoulders, three-quarters length fitted sleeves, and applied bows of self-fabric are styled touches. An onton skin silk taffeta blouse and a trimmed hat of black silk moire taffeta are shown with it.

New Y.W.C.A. Centre

The Young Women's Christian Association has opened a new centre of work in Kowloon, under the joint auspices of the Hongkong and Canton Associations. Club rooms for members, classes for adults, mass education for industrial girls, and daily bandage and first aid supply work will make up the programme.

A house-warming in the new centre, at 571 Nathan Road, took place on Thursday afternoon, when several hundred members and friends gathered for the opening. Mrs. Wang Lum-hing, of the Hongkong Board of Directors, expressed the appreciation of the association leaders for this added opportunity for the Y.W.C.A. Many Canton members had found homes in Kowloon, she said, and the many Kowloon members of the Hongkong Association now had a convenient centre for service activities, and educational work.

The President of the Canton Association, Mrs. Jade Wang Wu, presided at the installation service of the new general secretary, Mrs. Chen Yung Hel-wan. A ceremony of dedication was participated in by representatives of the various groups that make up the Y.W.C.A., each pledging her loyalty and support to the association.

Crossword Puzzle

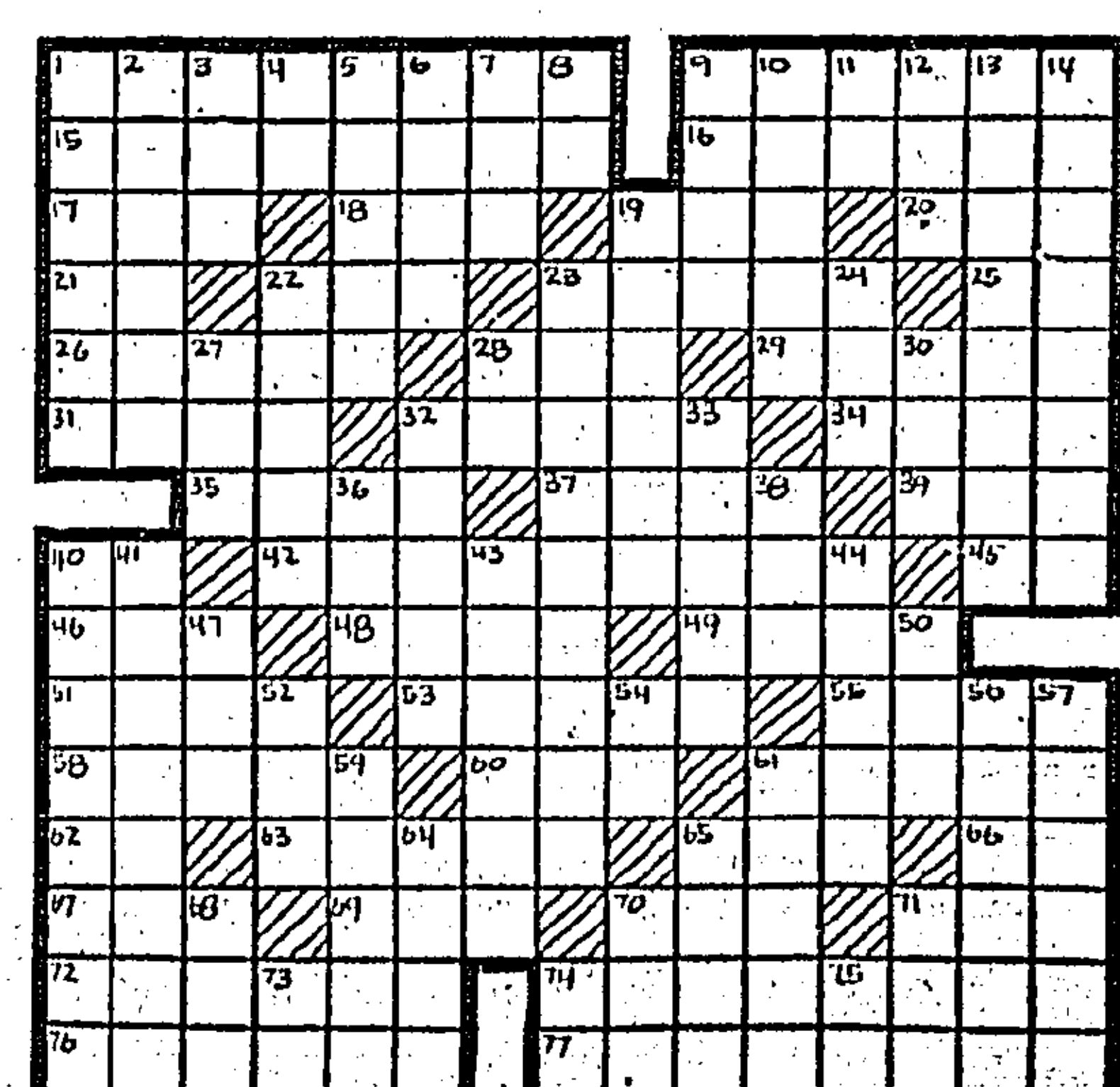
By LAKE MORRIS

ACROSS

- Release from bondage
- Imagery
- Beautiful
- Writings culminated
- Interest point in earth in moon's orbit
- Word (French)
- Middle
- Week
- Spinal nourishment
- Matter in aeriform state
- For sake of
- Grassy surface-salt
- Crippled
- Shrub (Spanish)
- Pierced
- Ring
- First boat
- Sting up
- Colony
- Drift-harvest
- Diagnosis
- British influence of
- Italian river
- Living signs of
- Edward
- Kind of rubber
- Black part
- Flourishing vessel
- Boats
- Native of Kurdistan
- Tomcat story in novel
- Cavern occupied by
- Neutral from
- Consequently
- Patience
- Unpleasant period of time
- Calcium

DOWN

- Orang-like fruits
- Coverly sarcasm
- Implement used in baseball
- Floral suffix
- Unverified report
- Devil of moisture
- Theodore
- Press out of
- Butchered joint
- Being above
- Two sevenths
- Incline
- Strive to courage
- Encamped
- Conscience
- Drainage conduit
- Conscience of John
- Lay
- Female of cattle
- Member
- Calcium of calcium
- Social body
- Donation of person
- Single
- Conscience
- Secret composition
- Way away
- Shared possession of
- West
- Left by wheel
- Stadium
- Fourteenth letter
- Tail over in detail
- Beater in cloth
- Scout line
- Type of Greek architecture
- Force divided by acceleration
- English nobleman
- Australian bird
- Period so
- History
- "Bliss"
- Work as
- Allowing that
- Depart



NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

RIVALS

Ninotchka, Special Envoy from the Soviets to take over negotiations for the sale of the former Duchess Swana's jewels in Paris, meets Count Leon d'Algot, sweetheart and representative of the Duchess, without either knowing the other's identity.

They fall in love, but Ninotchka, learning Leon's identity, refuses to see him. He tricks her into a meeting in a workmen's restaurant.

NINOTCHKA

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LEON, striding nervously about his living room, consulted his watch.

"You seem to be a bit nervous, sir," said Gaston, his valet, busy at the drink table.

"I am, Gaston."

"If you will forgive me, ever since you met that Bolshevik lady I've noticed a distinct change in you, sir. I was greatly amazed on returning from the market yesterday to find that you had made your bed."

"And I was happier all day long. I felt I had contributed something."

"Well, sir, if you should do it again, which I hope you won't, please remember the order. Counterpane, blanket, blanket, sheet, sheet. And it was with great amazement that I found a copy of Karl Marx's 'Capital' on your night table. That is a socialistic volume which I refuse so much as to dust, sir."

"Gaston, don't you realise the unfairness of your position? You being my servant? Don't you look forward to the day when you can come in here and stand square on your feet and say, 'hey, you, d'Algot, from now on it's going to be share and share alike?'"

"Emphatically not, sir! I don't resent your not paying me for the past two months, but the thought that I should share my bank account with you—that is really too much for me, sir."

AT that moment the doorbell rang and Gaston started to answer, but Leon waved him away. "Go to bed, little father, go to bed."

When the valet had disappeared, Leon opened the door, and there stood Ninotchka, timidly, in the new hat and a complete new outfit. It took him a moment to take in her new splendour, then he grasped her hand, kissed it, and led her into the living room.

"I... I don't look too foolish?" she asked.

"Why Ninotchka, if I met that dress walking alone on the boulevard I'd say, 'just a moment, you charming little dress, I want you to meet Ninotchka. You two were meant for each other.'"

He wanted to take her in his arms. She resisted saying, "It's only nine o'clock."

"That's when one-half of Paris says to the other half, 'what are your plans for the evening, Madame?'"

"Well, first, I should like to take off my hat and jacket. And could we have some music—just for us, not the radio."

"I'll play the Victoria, softly, because I have things to tell you which I can't shout."

He started a record, and seated himself on the arm of her chair. "Well, my darling, in an outburst of emotion he took her in his arms and kissed her. "You see, I couldn't shout that."

AFTER a silence: "Leon, you know the jokes you told me. They're not funny. They're silly, yet I wake up in the night and laugh when I think of them. And Buljanoff, and Kopalski and Iranoff—I know they're scoundrels, but I realise who made them like that, and I tear up my report to Moscow and go down and buy a silly hat. . . . Am I too talkative?"

"No, darling. Go on."

"I want to tell you something . . . which I thought I never would say, because I thought it doesn't exist. But it does, and . . . Leon . . . I . . . I can't say it."

Their eyes met, and then their lips. And that said everything. After another silence, she said: "Leon, I want to ask you something. If you don't want to answer, you needn't. But if you do, you must tell me the truth."

"I promise, I swear."

"Did you make any change in this room?"

"When I was here before there was a photograph of a woman in a wide silver frame. What . . . what happened to the portrait?"

For answer, he opened the drawer of a desk, and there reposed the portrait.

"The Duchess Swana," she said. "She is very attractive. She has great elegance. . . . She's what you call a woman of the world, isn't she?"

"Ninotchka, I love you."

"I suppose she is very entertaining. It must be a lot of fun to be with so witty, so glamorous."

"Ninotchka, you're jealous!"

She nodded sadly. "Leon, don't ever ask me for a picture of myself. I couldn't bear the thought of being shut up in a drawer."

He took her in his arms, murmuring, "my darling!"

HE later took her to a smart night club and ordered champagne. "It's always good luck," he told her, "to launch something with champagne."

"I wouldn't know, Leon. The closest I ever came to champagne was in a newswheel—the wife of some president throwing it at a battleship. It's funny to look back. I was brought up on goat's milk, and I had a ration of vodka in the army, and now I have champagne."

"From goats to grapes!" he laughed gaily. "That's drinking in the right direction!"

She made a face at the first sip of the unaccustomed beverage. She took a second, then another, and gradually a smile appeared. "Um-m, it's good! From what I read I thought champagne was a strong drink. It's very delicate. Do people ever get drunk on this?"



"There have been cases, but the headache the next morning is worth while—if you drink it with the right toast. . . . Ninotchka, to us!"

"Hello, Leon! What a surprise! You of all people! How are you, my dear?"

It was the Duchess Swana, with old General Savitsky as her partner.

Leon arose to greet them, and she continued: "Is this your new dress suit?"

"Yes, Swana."

"Didn't I tell you Benson & Henson were the tailors for you?"

"Yes, Swana, you did."

She forced an introduction, "am I interrupting?"

"Not at all. Your Highness may I present Madame Yakushova?"

Ninotchka's greeting was as cool as that of the Duchess.

"I've some wonderful news for you, Leon? Do you mind if I sit down?"

"No, please do," he said, realising he couldn't help it.

"General," said Swana, "would you mind making my excuses at our table? I'll be back in a few minutes. . . . Well, Leon, you can be proud of our Puncty. He had a triumph at the ribbon and bit the judge."

She included Ninotchka: "You see, Count d'Algot gave me Puncty for my birthday. You must have searched weeks, Leon, before you found anything as divine as Puncty; didn't you?"

"Oh, months," said Leon, fed up with her tactics.

"Poor Madame Yakushova! Here we are talking in mysteries. I'm sure you wonder what it's all about."

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"Dear me, I must be losing my senses. If I'm not careful I'll be understood by everybody."

Leon moved uncomfortably. "There's a charming crowd here tonight, isn't there?"

"I'm going, Leon," said Swana rising to point another shaft. "But before I leave I must compliment you on your gown, Madame Yakushova. Is that what they're wearing in Moscow this year?"

"No, last year, Madame," replied Ninotchka coolly.

"Isn't it amazing! One gets a wrong impression of the new Russia. It must be charming. I'm glad conditions are so improved. I assume this is what the factory girls wear at their dances?"

"Exactly. It would have been embarrassing to wear low cut gowns in the old Russia. The lasses of the Cossacks across our backs were not very becoming, and you know how vain women are."

"You're absolutely right about the Cossacks, smiled Swana. "We made an unpardonable mistake when we let them use their knouts. They had such reliable guns."

"Will you do me a favour?" said Leon. "Stop talking about the good old days."

"A very wise suggestion, Leon. I'm afraid Madame and I will never agree. The only thing we have in common is our law suit, and I understand everything will be over by Thursday. Am I right?"

"You are right, Madame," said Ninotchka.

"It is unfortunate that you have so few more days in Paris, Madame Yakushova. . . . Leon, be sure and double your efforts so that Madame can take pleasant memories when she returns to Moscow. Good night."

"Now," said Ninotchka, when the Duchess had gone, "I think I need a glass of champagne."

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Dance Music by Manolovani & His Tipica Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Report and Announcements.

1.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Hall Variety."—Written and devised by Gale Pedrick. Production by Roy Soper.

2.15 Close down.

2.30 "For the Children."—Nursery Rhymes, Uncle George's Party with Orchestra; "Robin Hood and the Sorcerer's Knight" Part I; I Love to Whistle, Betty Driver (Vocal) with Orchestra; Studio-Story by Aunt Susan; Three Little Fishies, the Kings Men (Vocal) with Guitars.

2.35 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

2.45 Studio-Saxophone Recital by Palapo with Piano accomp. by Nura Kants—Prelude to Cantatas No. 12 and 150 (J. S. Bach); Suite Rhapsody (Eric Coates); Dance Hongroise (Kling-Hager).

2.55 Alfred Campbell and His Orchestras.

3.00 London Relay—The News.

3.05 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

3.10 This week's programmes.

3.15 A Concert by Mark Weber and His Orchestra with Mavis Bennett (Soprano) and Charles Kullman (Tenor).—At The Thalio-cosky Fountain, Mark Weber and His Orchestra; Bird of Love Divine, Valley Of Laughter, Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore; Viennese Memories of Lehar, Mark Weber and His Orchestra; Thora, Beautiful Garden of Roses, Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestras.

3.20 Puccini—Potpourri, Amoret-tante—Waltz, Mark Weber and His Orchestra.

3.25 Studio-Saxophone Recital by Palapo with Piano accomp. by Nura Kants—Prelude to Cantatas No. 12 and 150 (J. S. Bach); Suite Rhapsody (Eric Coates); Dance Hongroise (Kling-Hager).

3.30 Alfred Campbell and His Orchestras.

3.35 Close down.

3.40 London Relay—News Summary.

3.45 Variety with The Mills Brothers, Wilson and Leach, Connie Boswell and Vic Oliver.—Piano Duet—King of Burlesque (Medley), and Three Hit (Medley), Jack Wilson and Jimmy Leach; Vic Oliver Am-bles On, Vic Oliver; Knock, Knock—Who's There, Vic Oliver with Sarah Churchill; I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart, Outside of Paradise, Connie Boswell with Orchestra; Piano Duet—Fox-Trot Medley, Jack Wilson and Jimmy Leach; Swing Is The Thing, Leon About Midnight, The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).

3.50 An hour of Dance Music.—Little Heaven of the Seven Seas, Hawaiian Hospitality, Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra; The Sweetest Music This Side of Heaven, Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra; Night In The Desert, Flowery Path, Gino Bordin and His Hawaiians; Sweet Is The Word For You, Blue Hawaii, Eddie Carroll and The Casani Club Orchestra; Night On The La Plaza, Buen Amigo, Jann Jassan and His Orchestra; What Are We Tango Orchestras? What Are We Gonna Do With Baby? I Saw A Ship A-Sailing, Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra; You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret, Moon at Sea, Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra; You Came To My Rescue, Talking Through My Heart, Henry King and His Orchestra; Do You Like Dancing? Night Of Love Do You Like? Dione Bola Dance Orchestras; I Was Saying to the Moon, On A Typical Tropical Night, Reggie Childs and His Orchestra.

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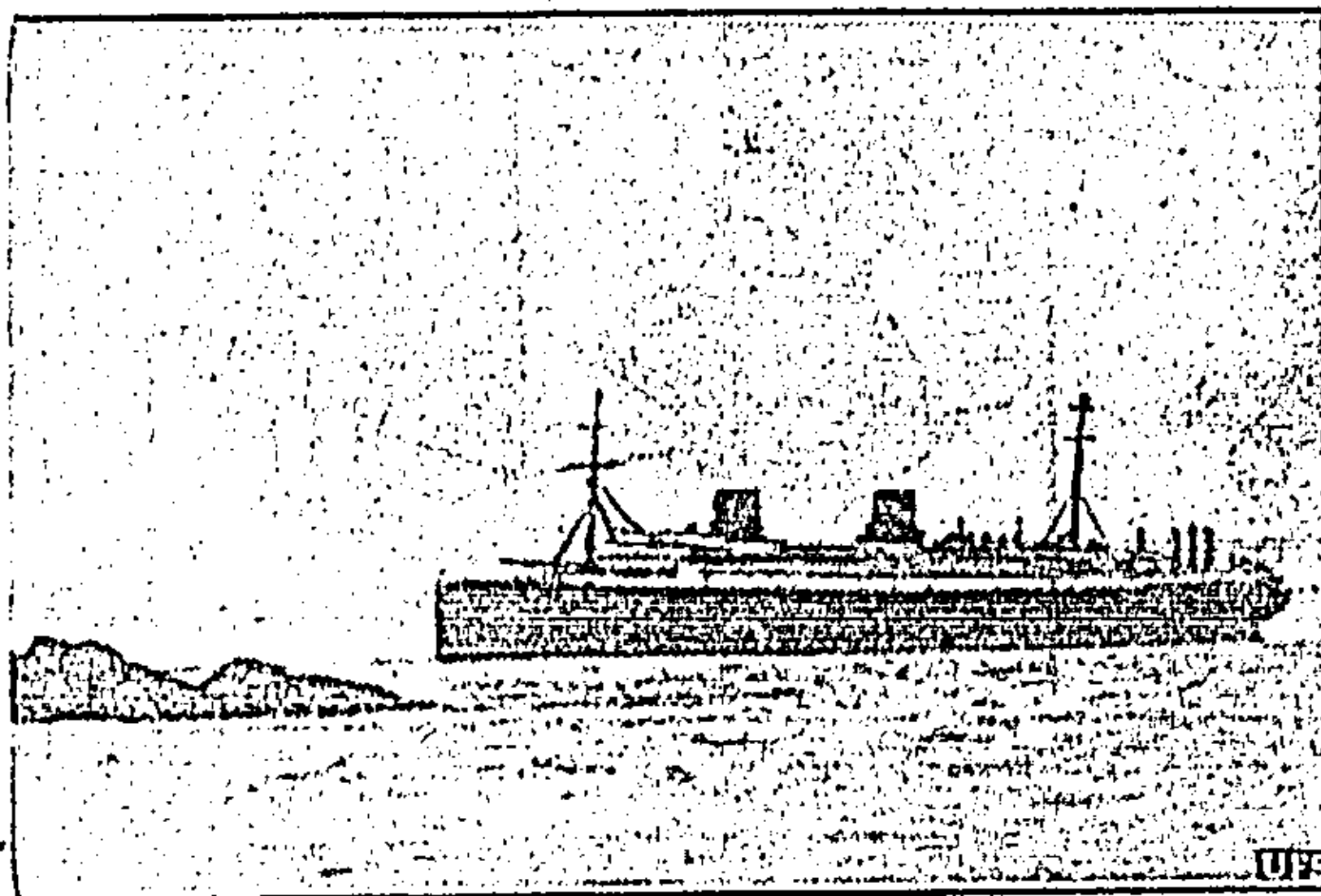
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LINER THEY SCUTTLED



Chased by a British warship, the German luxury liner Columbus was scuttled by its crew 400 miles off Norfolk. Columbus is shown above at anchor in the harbour of Vera Cruz, Mexico, where she put in at outbreak of war. She was known to thousands of tourists.

Ship's Cook Faces Jury On Charge of Murder

A request to the Jury not to be swayed by what they had read in the Press but to return their verdict in accordance with the evidence was made by Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown Solicitor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he prosecuted Hui Pook-sing, 43, cook, for the murder of Pun Yau-se, coolie, opposite the Douglas Wharf on October 30.

Hui, it will be recalled, was re-arrested and committed for trial by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, former Magistrate, after a similar charge against him had been dismissed by Mr. R. Edwards, another Magistrate. He is being defended by Mr. H. W. Lee, instructed by Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remondos.

The case is being tried by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and the following Jury: Messrs. C. A. Goldenberg (Foreman), Lam Ho-yin, Lee Chung-yew, Chia Peng-hong, J. Krogh-Moe, D. P. Fuentes and Paul Lee.

Stabbed Near Wharf
Mr. Gould said Hui was employed as a cook on board the S.S. Selistan, and the scene of the alleged crime was almost immediately opposite the Douglas Wharf, where the steamer was moored at the time.

"About 6 a.m. on the day in question," said Mr. Gould, "three steel coolies, who were sleeping under the verandah opposite the wharf, were awakened by sounds of quarrelling. They saw three men, including Hui, having a quarrel with Pun. Shortly after, two of the men, who were carrying gunny bags, ran through the grille to the wharf, leaving Hui and Pun behind. Pun attempted to strike Hui, who retaliated by producing a knife from his pocket and striking Pun in the left side of the abdomen with it."

"Hui then ran to the wharf while Pun collapsed on the road, after staggering a few paces."

"Throw Knife Into Sea"
On reaching the wharf, Li threw the knife into the sea. The grille was then closed by an Indian watchman named Bhag Singh, who explained that he did this because several men were attempting to enter.

"He would also say that whilst he was in the urinal he heard the word 'kill', but on coming out he saw nothing to account for that remark, though he found Pun lying on the road. He took no notice of this."

"Pun was subsequently taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, where he died two days later. Death was due to the stab wound, which perforated the abdominal wall."

"Meanwhile, the crew's quarters of the Selistan were searched but Hui could not be found. It was later ascertained that he had gone to Kwongchowwan, and on his return he was arrested."

"When formally charged, Hui admitted the stabbing but said he was attacked by a number of men who attempted to steal bags of copper coins from him."

Medical Evidence
Medical evidence was given by Dr. Vargassoff and Dr. T. K. Lien, both of the Queen Mary Hospital. The latter added that the wound was three inches long. The cause of death was general peritonitis as a result of the wound.

In answer to His Lordship, Dr. Lien said the wound could not have been caused by a man waving a knife in an attempt to drive people away. The case is proceeding.

MYSTERY EXPLOSION

Prince Edward Road residents at 11.30 a.m. to-day heard an explosion which sounded like those on Saturday afternoon when some mines exploded. The silver cabinet in one house was shaken and the windows rattled, but no window-panes were broken.

However, inquiries made with the Naval authorities reveal that no report has been made of any explosion of mines.

Passengers Due In President Liner

The following passengers will disembark at Hongkong from an American President Liner on February 23:—

Mrs. G. Boulton, Mrs. G. Gilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Goody, Mrs. M. Nicholson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. A. Price, Dr. and Mrs. I. Ruf and son, Miss V. Turnham, Mr. H. Thomen, Miss G. Webster.

AND HER SCUTTLED



Captain Dache, who ordered the German luxury liner Columbus set afire at sea, when chased by a British battleship.

Shanghai XV Probables

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5 (UP).—It is expected that there will be three changes in the Probables side which was chosen for the trial. Wallace is expected to be taken from the wing three-quarter position and will be replaced by Thomas, who in turn will be replaced by A. P. D. Kennedy, at centre three.

The Hongkong team is expected on Tuesday on board the steamer Eang. The Shanghai XV will probably be:

W. N. Dickson; J. W. M. Martin, A. P. D. Kennedy, S. M. Thornley and A. Thomas; I. F. Aucott and R. Dickinson; R. A. O. Mayne, R. U. Reynolds and A. Gamble; W. D. Pearson and M. O. Liddell; P. B. Tay, C. F. Pow and J. D. Sayle.

Shanghai Optimistic

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—An extensive programme of entertainment has been arranged for the Hongkong Interport football teams which are expected to arrive to-morrow.

Meanwhile, despite unfavourable weather conditions, the local Inter-ports managed to put in the final practice over the week-end.

A heavy fall of snow on Friday precluded play on the race-course but the rugby players had an hour's work-out yesterday on the sports ground of the Shanghai Waterworks loaned for the occasion.

The Shanghai rugby fifteen are expected to be announced within 24 hours.

Summing up the prospects of the rugby Interport, the "North China Daily News" this morning states that "though Hongkong is a well-balanced side, since Shanghai won last year there is no reason to say why another victory should not be recorded. Shanghai's side is expected to contain a well-proportioned sprinkling of youth which, as the game proceeds, ought to come into their own."

H. D. Bidwell, the former Shanghai Interport, is expected to form the spearhead of the Colony attack.

Hitler Has To Stop Exodus

AMSTERDAM.

PROPAGANDA MINISTER GOEBBELS has had to impose a new gag on the much-fettered German Press.

He has ordered it at all costs to hush up the fact that the "homecoming" to the Reich of the Germans from the Baltic States has been temporarily suspended.

Nearly all German newspapers publish long articles from their special correspondents about this homecoming, as if it were still continuing merrily.

Some even print a report that before March 1, 1940, 100,000 Germans will have emigrated from Russia to Germany.

It is true enough that Hitler had agreed to admit these 100,000 to satisfy the Soviets, who regarded them as a disturbing element.

But the Fuehrer must face the fact that it is now quite impossible for him to carry out his promise.

Missing Booty

First, he has no money to spare for the costs of the immigration. His loot in Poland was smaller than he expected. The Polish Government got its gold reserve over the frontier, and the booty anticipated from the Polish Jews did not come up to hopes.

And the homecoming of the Baltic Germans was to have been financed with this Polish booty.

Of all the promises the Nazis had made to these emigres, only one can now be fulfilled.

They can be given land in conquered Poland: there is enough of that.

But there is not the least hope of replacing for them the capital they had to leave behind in their Baltic homes.

Many of them, seeing no future ahead, have already committed suicide in despair.

B.E.F.—S.O.S. FOR OIL LAMPS

Mr. Burgin, the Minister of Supply, cannot supply the Army with the oil lamps it needs.

He has now asked the public to give him 24,000 lamps which are urgently needed to light Army huts.

One newspaper states: "If you have an oil lamp you are asked to hand it to the nearest military station or send it, carriage paid, to the Central Ordnance Depot, Didscot, Berks."

Carriage paid Mr. Burgin, Minister of Supply, you might at least have supplied your benefactors with the postage stamp. If you run short of guns, we might be able to supply you, carriage paid, with the old blunderbuss that hangs in the hall or the primitive pistol grandfather carried in the Crimea."

An official of one of the largest oil lamp manufacturers in the country remarked: "Had we been warned last September that something like fifty times our usual annual output would be wanted, we could have arranged to make the lamps even in a few months."

Russia Draws Veil Over War

MOSCOW. MOSCOW radio has closed down without mentioning the war in Finland.

Except for the official war communique, there is little news of the fighting in the Press.

It is clear from the communique that any gains that may have been made are insignificant.

Precipience is given, however, to the German denial that the Nazis are sending arms to Finland.

Russian military headquarters at Leningrad denied that dum-dum bullets or poison gas had been used against the Finns.

LATE NEWS NAZI ARMS FOR RED INVADERS

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Stockholm correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that three German vessels from the Baltic took on pilots in Norwegian territorial waters south of Oslo on Friday.

The vessels were found to be loaded with artillery and small arms and ammunition for the Russians based at Petsamo (Finland) and Murmansk.

The steamers can remain in Scandinavian waters for almost the entire voyage to the Arctic coast of Finland and Russia.

It is expected that they will unload their cargoes during the week-end, probably at the port for Petsamo.

The correspondent states that this traffic has been proceeding for at least a month, and the use of large German supplies on the Arctic front has caused great bitterness among the Finns.

Red Submarines For Germany?

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Stockholm correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that fifteen Russian submarines will be exchanged for a German cruiser and probably another warship under a new Nazi-Red agreement.

The Russians require the warships to replace those sunk or damaged by Finnish coastal batteries and air raids on Kronstadt.

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